

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Thursday, February 15, 2018
Manchester Township Municipal Building
1 Colonial Drive, Manchester Township, NJ

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Chairperson Middaugh called the Regular Meeting of the Manchester Township Environmental Commission to order with the following statement: "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with Open Public Meetings Act. Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was advertised in the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger and was posted in the lobby of the Municipal Building."

Time: 7:26 PM

This was followed with the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Peggy Middaugh	Present
William Cook	Present
William Foor	Present
David Kiernan	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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Motion to approve by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Foor.

Roll call vote: Ms. Middaugh, Mr. Cook, Mr. Foor; yes. Mr. Kiernan abstained. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amerco Real Estate U-Haul Facility - Application for Development

Discussion on project location. Heading East on Rt. 70 past church, past Wilbur Avenue on left.

Mr. Cook: We have the Environmental Impact Report: air quality is 2x less than what the maximum is, it's not located in close proximity to any stream of water, no open water on the property, storm water adjacent to east of property. Septic system needs to be installed which requires county approval.

Mr. Cook explains Application for Development process and there is a discussion on the best time for the Environmental Commission to be notified of applications with environmental impacts/assessments for review and comment: when the engineer deems the application complete, or before if environmental impacts are known. Secretary to send an interoffice memo to the Zoning and Planning Boards requesting applications.

Secretary to request an electronic copy of the plans from the engineer, Insite Engineering, LLC, and forward to Commission members to review/comment.

Mr. Foor motioned to put this item on hold and be placed on the next agenda, seconded by Ms. Middaugh. **Roll call vote:** Ms. Middaugh, Mr. Cook, Mr. Foor, Mr. Kiernan; yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Barnegat Bay National Estuary Program

Not a lot going on with this right now. Ms. Middaugh is a BBP volunteer and will share emails with other members.

Natural Resource Inventory

Discussion on updating ANJEC's 2005 Inventory. Possibly outdated, must determine cost. Ms. Middaugh suggested a member look into it. Mr. Foor said he would check with Planning Board if they need an update.

Heritage Minerals NJDEP CAFRA Mtg.

Ms. Middaugh gives a brief background of the project and says the hearing was very well attended, many comments made, most opposing the development. If the permit is approved by the NJDEP, it will go to the Manchester Township Planning Board.

Mr. Cook read Resolution opposing the development on Heritage Minerals and motions for approval, seconded by Ms. Middaugh. **Roll call vote:** Ms. Middaugh, Mr. Cook, Mr. Foor; yes; Mr. Kiernan: no. Motion carried. Secretary to send Resolution to NJDEP, copy to Township Council and Mayor Kenneth Palmer.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Upcoming Conferences/Seminars:

Ms. Middaugh will attend the Pinelands Short Course on March 10 at Stockton University. She will also attend an ANJEC conference "Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions" on March 24; Mr. Cook attending the March 10 conference. This course is also being held on March 17.

BOEM Off Shore Drilling

Ms. Middaugh: The Bureau of Energy & Ocean Management (BOEM) held a public meeting yesterday in regard to the proposition of off shore drilling in the Atlantic Ocean off the east coast. There is a proposal to do this all over the country but the meeting yesterday was being held specifically for people living in the mid-Atlantic area.

Mr. Cook: I read somewhere that Florida applied for an exemption, maybe NJ can do the same - a tourism exemption.

Ms. Middaugh: A lot of people turned out and there is still time to submit comments on website: <https://www.boem.gov/national-program-participate/>. Comments must be submitted by March 9, 2018.

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PUBLIC FORUM:

Frank Stavalo IV, 12 Charles Avenue, Summit Park Neighborhood Watch: Are you aware of the ground pump on site running constantly? Where can I get information - how clean it is, when they first started this, where they're at now?

Environmental Commission members not aware of pump.

Mr. Stavola: It is the only building standing, there is electricity to it. Waste management has a dumpster there. Who to alert? Town? NJDEP? Property owner?

Mr. Cook: Property owner for sure. There is a mediation plan.

Mr. Foor suggested Mr. Stavalo bring this up at a Town Council or Planning Board meeting where there has been a Hovsons representative.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Foor, meeting was adjourned. All in favor, motion carried.

Time: 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Frazee
Commission Secretary