

## **Minutes of the Franklin Township Environmental Commission Meeting**

**June 20, 2016**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm and the Sunshine Law notice read. The roll was called. Present: W. Andrews, J. Clyde, C. Macivor, A. Vernick, P. Walitsky, D. Pydeski, D. Triggs, A. Schmidt. Absent; Council Liaison T. Chase.

Chair's Report: Letter from Warren County. Warren County has received a grant. This grant has resulted in a report developed for farmers who have animal waste to dispose of. It outlines best practices and is available for The Franklin Township Environmental Commission for circulation. Two additional letters, one a notice of information and the other a request to NJ DEP for a Letter of Interpretation of Estuary Definition.

Minutes of the June 6, 2016 meeting were approved.

Website; no new developments. A request has been forwarded to the Township staff asking that Minutes of the Environmental Commission be archived as required.

Plans review. Four plans reviewed and approved, one was a residential house to be constructed, one garage, one family room and a minor subdivision.

Sustainable Jersey. 2016 submission has been sent to Sustainable New Jersey. The updated ERI (Environmental Resource Inventory) has been received from Mark Healey and reviewed. This document should be of interest to the School Community as well as the General Public. Recommendation that copies be sent to the appropriate personnel at the Board of Education and to the Public Library System. Mark Healey will be asked to attend a future EC meeting to discuss the ERI and stream corridor ordinance.

Community Gardens; Good use of the Gardens. We see that this activity has grown throughout the State.

New Business. Discussion concerning the Environmental Stewardship award which is generally given out in the Fall.

Franklin Day; Commission brochure needs update for distribution at Franklin Day. County Health Department has a brochure available from the Department (Michelle Samarya-Timm) concerning "Fight the Bite". This was presented at the Town Council meeting in May as is available on the Cable TV channel.

Public participation. No members of the Public attending.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm

Note: 6/6/16 minutes were not copied as planned, one print copy available, all have members had electronic copy.