

Minutes of the Franklin Township Environmental Commission meeting

January 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, and the Sunshine Law notice read. The roll was called. Present were: W. Andrews, C. MacIvor, D. Pydeski, A. Schmidt, D. Triggs, A. Vernick and P. Walitsky. Absent: John Clyde. Council liaison T. Chase arrived at 7:13 PM.

Township Clerk Ann Marie McCarthy swore in reappointed members W. Andrews (now a full member), D. Pydeski and P. Walitsky.

Four plans were reviewed (including two re-reviews).

Chair's report: two letters of intent to file for a wetlands determination were received, and a letter concerning flood hazard area determination (for the Resta farm in Middlebush). Papers for renewal of ANJEC membership were also received, and will be passed to Mark Healey for action.

The minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2015 were approved with minor corrections.

Sustainable Jersey: T. Chase has called a meeting for the Green Team for Jan. 13, 2016, after expected reauthorization at the Jan. 12 Council meeting. The township is up for recertification this year. Justin Heyman has already completed materials for one action, Municipal Communications Strategy, and is working on others.

Community Gardens: the garden at Naaman Williams Park will be expanded this year, using CDBG funds and Public Works employees, under supervision from the manager's office. A garden is planned for Catalpa Park/

The conviction of the former New Brunswick water department supervisor for submitting fraudulent water analysis data was noted. He was briefly acting water director for Franklin, and we buy one-quarter to one-third of our water from New Brunswick, but we have our water analyzed independently, and no actual unallowable impurities were observed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.