

## Minutes of the Franklin Township Environmental Commission meeting February 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM, and the Sunshine Law Notice read.

The roll was called:

**Present were:** W. Andrews, M. Lauko, C. MacIvor, D. Pydeski, D. Triggs, and P. Walitsky; and Council liaison T. Chase. A. Schmidt arrived at 7:13 PM. Absent: J. Clyde, J.Kershner (excused, work meeting).

**Chair's report:** no correspondence, one site plan (Oak Place & Rte. 27). Articles written by J.Kershner on the planned deer seminar and spring stream clean-up and submitted to Franklin Times were described.

The minutes of the meeting of Jan. 8 were approved.

**Website:** W. Andrews sent in missing minutes from 2016, still needs some missing minutes from 2015.

**Plan:** the Commission disapproved of the proposed subdivision of this already small lot, preferring to keep it as one lot and maintain existing trees.

**Sustainable Jersey:** T. Chase reported on the Mayors' Summit for Climate Change (sponsored by NJLCV and Sustainable Jersey) and on materials sent to the Green Team. Commission members generally had not heard about the Mayors' Summit, even though it was initiated by our mayor.

Old business: our stream clean-up is set for April 14, and described in the newsletter article; has John Clyde definitely chosen a site for clean-up? Mile Run below DeRussey's Brook?

The draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed 206 compressor is expected in March. Readers with expertise in its areas are needed.

An EC seminar on deer effects on forests is set for May 21; J. Kershner has recruited a speaker. Bee-keeping could be another seminar topic (we had a seminar on this topic in March 2014). Proposed legislation setting a minimum lot size on which a beehive would be permitted was discussed.

T. Chase reported that purchase of five electric cars and six charging stations is tentatively in the 2018 township budget. A. Schmidt suggested that the dealer selling electric cars to the township be asked to fund the charging stations. T. Chase stated that the township is on a waiting list for state funding – perhaps from the Volkswagen diesel misrepresentation settlement. [I confirmed this with Bob Vornlocker.]

Public discussion centered on energy aggregation and the relationship of existing rooftop solar cells and appliance maintenance contracts to it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.