

# MONMOUTH COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

## ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

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### Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Monmouth County Environmental Council

**Thursday, March 4, 2010, 5:00 p.m.**

Monmouth County Planning Board Conference Room  
Hall of Records Annex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, One East Main Street  
Freehold, New Jersey

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Fedosh called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE

Members present: Baker, Fedosh, Lucas, Morrissey, Oliver, Pitts, Reynolds  
Members absent: DiLorenzo, Means, Thompson  
Staff present: Waters

#### 3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: February 4, 2010

Minutes from the February 4, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Morrissey motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Fedosh seconded the motion. The minutes were approved. Mr. Pitts abstained.

#### 4. REGULAR REPORTS

Chairman – Mr. Fedosh discussed the possible opportunity for the Council to provide assistance to the County Parks system on a NOAA grant project, however, due to the requirements of the grant, they will not be applying for the funding.

Planning Board/Staff – Ms. Waters noted the assistance of interns currently working with the Environmental section on projects related to the Greenhouse Gas inventory and Brownfields. She also stated that a new EcoTips on Brownfields is currently being written.

GHGRAC – Ms. Waters stated that the county anticipates receipt of the draft county facilities energy audit report in March.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on Brookdale rain garden project – Mr. Fedosh provided the members with an update on the status of the rain garden project and the additional information requested by DEP.
- B. Upcoming meetings – Ms. Waters suggested the possibility of a tour of the Summerfield School in Neptune as a follow-up to the Midtown Community School tour. Recommendation by the members was to schedule the tour for September.

- C. June Roundtable – Ms. Waters stated that the room at the Ag. Building has been reserved for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> roundtable. She also received a list of ten Master Gardeners who have offered to be part of a panel of speakers. Ms. Waters will coordinate with the Master Gardeners regarding the agenda and topics to be addressed.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business to report

**7. REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS**

- **Navesink-Swimming River:** Mr. Pitts noted Fair Haven’s submission of a draft RFP to TRC for the Borough’s energy audit.
- **Inner Coastal Plain:** Mr. Lucas stated that Manalapan has formed an ecological management committee to address beaver and deer management concerns. He also noted, that as a cost savings measure, members of the municipal construction department will be implementing some of the recommendations from their energy audit. Due to the impacts of the economy on the construction industry, this will also supplement the department’s workload.
- **Pan-Handle:** Ms. Baker discussed Roosevelt’s concerns with wetlands habitat and the possibility of introducing wood duck habitat as a restoration measure.
- **South Coast:** Ms. Morrissey mentioned the tour of Wreck Pond with the Army Corps of Engineers and the newly formed Wreck Pond project committee. She also discussed the reconstruction of the dam near the Old Mill and Wall Township’s concerns with the dredging of the pond.  
**Bayshore:** Mr. Reynolds discussed the seal walk conducted by the Bayshore Watershed Council in February and noted that permits will be submitted for spring horseshoe crab monitoring. Mr. Fedosh noted Middletown’s plans to rehabilitate an open space parcel on Pews Creek in the Bayshore to include a kayak launch and an osprey platform.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public in attendance

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30p.m.