

# MONMOUTH COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

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

**Thursday, August 5, 2010, 5:00 p.m.**

Shark River Park  
Neptune, 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, Means, Morrissey, Oliver, Reynolds

Members absent: DiLorenzo, Lucas, Thompson

Staff present: Waters

#### 3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: May 6, 2010

Minutes from the May 6, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Morrissey motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Fedosh seconded the motion. Mr. Reynolds abstained. The minutes were approved.

#### 4. REGULAR REPORTS

Chairman – Mr. Fedosh noted the passing of Judith Stanley Coleman. Members discussed some of her contributions to Monmouth County. Mr. Reynolds suggested a letter be sent to her family from the Council acknowledging her work.

Planning Board/Staff – Ms. Waters noted the receipt of a note of thanks from Ed Pitts' wife DeeDee for the sympathy card signed by Council members. Ms. Waters also spoke of his memorial service she attended in June noting Mr. Thompson was also in attendance. She also noted the resolution recognizing Ed's contributions to the County adopted by the Planning Board in June. She also provided an overview of the June and July Planning Board meeting topics of discussion including a presentation by members of FMERPA regarding the environmental concerns at Ft. Monmouth as well as presentations on the Coastal Monmouth and Panhandle Regional Plans.

GHGRAC – Ms. Waters noted the receipt of the final county facilities energy audit report. Meetings of the GHGRAC are currently on hold until later in the year.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on Brookdale rain garden project – Mr. Fedosh acknowledged the receipt of the executed contract from DEP that will now allow the project work to proceed. A meeting of the stakeholder group will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

- B. June roundtable recap – Members discussed the Community Gardens roundtable held in June that was well received by those in attendance.
- C. Update on Ft. Monmouth environmental concerns – Ms. Waters and Mr. Means discussed the presentation by members of FMERPA to the Planning Board that reiterated the Army’s responsibility to complete the cleanup of the Fort prior to the property transfer to the municipalities. It was noted that there would be a clause in the deed of the property that would require the Army to take responsibility for all cleanup necessary, beyond the transfer of the property, if it was determined that any contamination was the result of the Army’s activities while the Fort was active.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Fall roundtable – Ms. Waters discussed the possibility of the Council sponsoring a forum to highlight the results of Monmouth University’s coastal resiliency pilot project currently in progress.

**7. REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS**

- **South Coast:** Ms. Morrissey informed the members of the possible siting of a wind turbine at the Army National Guard training camp in Sea Girt, which, in addition to the solar grid installed last year, would supply enough electricity for the center. She also noted Sea Girt’s adoption of an ordinance regulating refuse containers and dumpsters to comply with DEP stormwater permitting. Sea Girt Council also authorized the Mayor to declare a borough-wide Level I or II water conservation emergency during the summer if necessary. Ms. Morrissey also noted the settlement reached between Sea Girt and DEP involving the 2007 death of a baby Piping Plover and the resulting new beach restrictions effective during the Piping Plover breeding season. She also noted recent meetings of the Wreck Pond Advisory Group for the purpose of discussing the implementation of Wreck Pond’s regional stormwater management plan. The Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee will be holding their annual environmental summit in late September.
- **Bayshore:** Mr. Reynolds noted that the pump-out boat for the Bayshore region is finally in service. He also discussed the Bayshore Regional Watershed Council’s participation in horseshoe crab monitoring and the issue of the Baykeeper’s oyster restoration project that is facing elimination due to a recent ruling by DEP.
- **Manasquan Valley:** Ms. Oliver stated that the dunes in Brielle had weathered the winter and spring storms very well.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public in attendance

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35p.m.