

# MONMOUTH COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

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

**Thursday, December 2, 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: DiLorenzo, Fedosh, Means, Morrissey, Oliver, Reynolds, Thompson  
Members absent: Baker, Lucas  
Staff present: Waters, Connor

#### 3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: October 7, 2010

Minutes from the October 7, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Morrissey motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

Joe DiLorenzo, guest speaker was unable to attend the meeting. He will join representatives of Dillon's Creek Marina to discuss their project as part of the Clean Marinas program at the January meeting.

#### 5. REGULAR REPORTS

Chairman – None

Planning Board/Staff – None

GHGRAC – Ms. Waters discussed the meeting of the Committee that took place on November 30<sup>th</sup> at which a revised outline and goals and objectives of the draft Energy Action Plan were presented and reviewed by the members in attendance. The next meeting of the Committee will take place on February 1, 2011.

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on Brookdale rain garden project – Mr. Fedosh discussed the November meeting of the stakeholder group and status of the project. He discussed some of the changes to the additional rain garden locations that will be constructed as part of the next phase of the project.
- B. 2011 meeting schedule/locations & speakers – Ms. Waters provided the members with the 2011 meeting schedule for their review and approval. Discussion regarding potential location changes

and speakers was addressed. Ms. Waters will contact the Park System regarding a speaker and will follow-up with Marc Coe, faculty member for the “Stars Challenge” program to schedule their presentation before the Council.

- C. 2011 roundtable – Members discussed potential roundtable topics that included energy and pest management.
- D. Parks inventory – Mr. Thompson discussed his suggestion to conduct an inventory of the County park facilities to determine if the parks might require anything that the Council might assist with. Ms. Waters will contact the Park System to arrange for a representative to speak to the members regarding the facilities and some of the current initiatives of the Park System.
- E. NY/NJ Baykeeper oyster restoration program – A letter from the Council in support of the oyster restoration project was sent to DEP.

## 7. REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS

- **North Coast:** Mr. Thompson noted that the work on the Oceanic Bridge continues. He also discussed the concern for a barge, tied up on the Rumson side of the Navesink River across from McLoone’s, which contains waste possibly from the construction of the Highlands Bridge. The owner of the barge is unknown and efforts to remove it have been unsuccessful to date. Ms. DiLorenzo noted Monmouth Beach’s continued efforts to receive credits in the Sustainable Jersey program. She also stated they are continuing to work on pesticide free zones projects.
- **Manasquan Valley:** Ms. Oliver thanked the members for her time on the Council. She has decided not to seek reappointment at the end of her term which expires at the end of December. She wishes to be kept informed of the work of the Council and will participate and assist in their efforts. All the members thanked Cathy for her input and expressed their sadness, although understanding of her decision.
- **South Coast:** Ms. Morrissey made note of a recent meeting regarding the proposed wind turbine to be built on the National Guard training center in Sea Girt. She also mentioned, the Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee, had taken part in a tour of the South Monmouth Sewerage Authority. She suggested the MCEC might want to consider a tour of the facility as well.
- **Bayshore:** Mr. Reynolds noted the Bayshore Regional Watershed Council’s letter to Sandy Hook National Park, American Littoral Society and the Marine Mammal Stranding Center regarding the lack of protection for seals over-wintering in Sandy Hook Bay. Recommendations for adequate protection measures included signage and the installation of fencing to protect the seals. Members discussed a possible field trip to Sandy Hook to observe the seals. Mr. Reynolds will identify potential dates.
- **Inner Coastal Plain:** Ms. Waters announced that Mr. Lucas’ first child, McKinley Rae Lucas was born the night before at 8:10pm.

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public in attendance

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45p.m.