

# MONMOUTH COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

## ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

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

**Thursday, March 3, 2016, 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**

Vice Chair Morrissey called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

New member Ms. Karras was invited to introduce herself. She noted she works for New Jersey Natural Gas in regulatory affairs, is a ten-year resident of Atlantic Highlands, and has been a member of her municipal Environmental Committee for 6 years.

#### 2. **ROLL CALL – ATTENDANCE**

Members present: Ebru Altinsoy (arrived 5:10pm), Jennifer DiLorenzo, Barbara Horl (left at 6:30pm), Nicholas Huszar, France Karras, Wilma Morrissey, and Matthew Woolley (arrived at 5:45pm)

Members absent: Mike Fedosh, David Kostka, Scott Thompson, and John Vig,

Staff present: Linda Brennen and Harriet Honigfeld

#### 3. **REVIEW OF MINUTES: February 2016**

Minutes from the February 4, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Ms. DiLorenzo moved to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Horl. The minutes were approved on voice vote, with Ms. Karras abstaining.

#### 4. **MASTER PLAN REVIEW**

As a follow-up to hosting the 2014 Master Plan stakeholder committee meetings for environmentally oriented elements, the membership previously discussed having staff provide presentations of the drafts of relevant chapters. Ms. Honigfeld provided PowerPoint presentations of the *Farmland Preservation* and the *Agriculture and Economic Development* chapters, of which she was a primary author. Links to the text for these chapters was sent out to the membership prior to the meeting. A question and answer period followed.

The Planning Board has set an April 1 deadline for comments. Please submit comments through the Division of Planning's [Master Plan web page](#). Because the next MCEC meeting will not take place until April 7, members were given an extension to April 10 for comments

on the remaining chapters. At the April meeting staff will provide presentations on the following chapters: Open Space, Natural Resources, and Utilities. Draft text of all chapters should be available for review directly through the [website](#).

## 5. REGULAR REPORTS

- A. Chairman – no report
- B. Planning Board – Ms. DiLorenzo spoke further on the Master Plan and the process and encouraged members to review and comment the draft chapters.
- C. Staff – Ms. Brennen spoke about the recent NWS Earle meetings on the use of Aqueous Fire Fighting Foam at their fire school on Route 33 in Howell. Mr. Huszar added to the discussion from the Township perspective.
- D. Legislation – Mr. Woolley discussed the following environmentally oriented Assembly bills:
  - o **A223** - Requires NJ Clean Energy Program's Residential New Construction incentives be made available Statewide: Passed by the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee (6-0) on March 3, 2016
  - o **A1493** - Clarifies intent of P.L.2007, c.340 regarding NJ's required participation in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative: Passed by the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee (4-2) on March 3, 2016
  - o **A3093** - Permits BPU to approve qualified wind energy project; requires BPU to provide application periods for those projects: Passed by the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee (4-2) on March 3, 2016
  - o **ACR161** - Establishes "Joint Legislative Task Force on Drinking Water Infrastructure: Passed by the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee (6-0) on March 3, 2016

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Sustainable Jersey Letter Update:** The most up-to-date version of the draft letter was provided to the membership for discussion. Several refinements were made. Rather than sending the letter certified mail, all agreed that it could be sent via e-mail with a read receipt requested to be followed with a hard copy sent via U.S. Post. The consensus was to invite Sustainable Jersey to attend the Council's May meeting to discuss the recommendations in the letter. Discussion followed. Ms. DiLorenzo moved to have the letter prepared for Mr. Fedosh's signature. This was seconded by Mr. Huszar and passed unanimously on voice vote.
- B. **Spring Roundtable Event:** Ms. DiLorenzo reported that the New York & New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program sent out an RFP for hosting public workshops to gather local input for their 5-year action agenda revision. The consensus of the membership was that hosting such a meeting within Monmouth County would be good for the region. HEP is offering \$1000 grants to facilitate the meetings. The deadline for proposals is March 18, 2016. In advance of this meeting, Ms. Brennen asked Planning Director Sampson about the process, as all grant applications must first be approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders and they have cancelled their March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. In that case, the MCEC would not be able to receive approval to submit a grant proposal before the deadline. Since the Council routinely holds roundtable events without the use of outside funding, and would not actually require grant funding to host a HEP outreach

meeting, it was determined that if no funding was requested, hosting HEP at a roundtable would not require prior approval through the “grant” approval process. After discussion, Ms. DiLorenzo moved to have staff prepare a proposal without funding. Ms. Morrissey seconded the motion which passed unanimously by voice vote.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:** none

**8. REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS**

- **South Coast:** Ms. Morrissey gave her report (see attached).
- **Pine Barren:** Mr. Huszar reported on local Bald Eagle sightings; a recent controversial proposal for 75-100 low-income apartments near West Farms Road in Howell; a potential gas station and convenience store development near Woolley’s Fish Market on Route 9; and the NWS Earle groundwater issue.
- **Mid-Coast:** Mr. Woolley discussed the recent Deal beach dumping by a contractor working on the Poplar Brook outfall project. Sludge on the beach violated local, state and federal laws. NJDEP and USACOE are involved. Ms. Altinsoy noted that Asbury Park is seeking volunteers for an upcoming dune planting.
- **Pan-Handle:** Ms. Altinsoy discussed the on-going Six Flags Great Adventure proposal for a solar farm
- **Bayshore:** Ms. Karras noted that Atlantic Highlands and the Monmouth County Park System were meeting this evening with Sustainable Jersey on a potential grant for Bayshore/Henry Hudson trail rehabilitation and that the WMA 12 Watershed Ambassador is schedule to make a presentation to the Henry Hudson Regional High School Honors Science class.
- **North Coast:** Ms. DiLorenzo noted an upcoming Beach Clean-Up scheduled for April in Monmouth Beach.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No members of the public were present.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm on motion from Ms. DiLorenzo and second from Ms. Karras.

*Adopted: April 7, 2016*

March 3, 2016

**South Coast Region Report**  
**Wilma Morrissey**

**Wall Township:** Wall Township resident, Lee Rozell, spotted a bald eagle in his backyard of his 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue home. The authenticity of the photo was verified and NJDEP states that there are only 150 nesting sites in the State.

InfoAge, at Camp Evans, hopes to complete interactive museums by 2020. Their plan is to have the campus fully operational, with a multidisciplinary science and history museum and hands-on learning center, aimed at emphasizing the National Historic Landmark site's impact on technology in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Lake Como:** Monmouth County and the Board of Chosen Freeholders are holding a Tire Pick-up Program in the West Belmar section of Wall and Lake Como. They will come to the house, pick-up as many as 10 tires, without rims and without charge, from March 7 – April 8, 2016. One tire can produce over 10,000 biting mosquitoes and the intent is to protect the health of residents from West Nile Virus.

**Sea Girt:** Barlow Flower Farm is hosting a Spring Symposium and Expo to celebrate gardening. This will take place on Saturday, March 12 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. The cost is \$60 for keynote, three classes and lunch. They are located on Sea Girt Ave. 732-449-9189.

**Brielle:** The Bayberry Garden Club is in charge of the Community Organic Garden at the Brielle Park Greenhouse. There are plans to generate student volunteers to plant organic vegetable seeds, which will be grown in the Brielle Park greenhouse. The Garden Club is currently monitoring the greenhouse's newly refurbished thermostat for appropriate heat and moisture levels. There are about 25 raised gardens thus far. The Bayberry Garden Club is planning a Birds of Summer trip to the Audubon Society, located in Bernardsville on May 10.

**Spring Lake:** In an attempt to reduce sewer fees and mitigate groundwater infiltration in Spring Lake's sanitary sewers, the borough installed meters to monitor flow in affected manhole and plans to seal pipes on Ocean Avenue. The borough plans to hydraulically grout or seal pipes in affected manholes to prevent further leaking. The cost should be less than \$22,000. In addition, the borough will soon to begin work to replace the damaged curbs on Ocean Road. Also, the county plans to repave Ocean Road.