



## Union Township Environmental Commission

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### Minutes from September 13, 2011 Regular Meeting

#### Call to Order:

**“Sunshine Law” Announcement:** Our notice as published in the *Hunterdon County Democrat* and *Express Times* satisfies the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act and is also posted on the Township website and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

**Roll Call:** Don Church, Steve Hurford, Chuck La Tournous, Sandy Stiger, Chuck Neary, Bill Harclerode. Brett Bragin, Josh Boyle and Alan Ford were absent.

Michelle McBride, Township Committee Liaison to UTEC, was also present.

#### Minutes from July 12, 2011 Regular Meeting:

Several minor revisions were discussed. Sandy Stiger moved that the minutes be approved with changes. The motion was seconded by Steve Hurford and passed.

#### Old Business:

Public Education Event: Steve is waiting to hear back from Mr. Togg, the Hunterdon County bug expert. We will shoot for the October meeting for the event.

Don will bring in his stinkbug trap and demonstrate how to make them.

Sidney Brook Riparian Planting: Bill checked on the Sidney Brook planting and there did not seem to be any damage from the recent storms. Project is basically complete

UTEK Newsletter: Newsletter is ready but we are trying to expand to eight pages and get advertisers. Chuck L. will add our recycling guide to the newsletter. The county has a shared service printer to help reduce costs. Newsletter was delayed because ANJEC had requirement of including the conservation easement.

Transco Pipeline: Chuck was at Township committee meeting: there will be another meeting on 9/21/2011 on Transco pipeline. Sandy Stiger will attend on behalf of UTEC.

#### Correspondence:

Chuck received a copy of a letter from Transco to Mayor Bischoff on the company's safety record.

Received copy of renewable energy ordinance.

Traffic impact study for Shell station convenience store.

### **New Business:**

UTEK will track the contaminated sites in the Township—currently 10. Need to find out what contamination is in place. Brett Bragin will monitor the sites in the. UTEK will set up a subcommittee if needed.

Finn Road Park Trail map brochures were done by Michelle and she asked if UTEK would keep them in stock in the bin/holder at the park.

### **Chairs Report:**

List of goals for 2011 approximately 75% complete and Chuck will document.

### **Subcommittee reports**

Open Space: Sandy has list of many 25+ acre open space areas but only 5-7 are public—the majority being private property

### **Trails Committee**

Milligan farm: Don to walk with Michelle. Bob Clerico made a sketch of the parking area and Michelle is hoping the Roads Dept. will be able to do some work.

### **Communications**

Chuck is putting info on our Facebook page. Each posting gets about 200 hits so far. Newsletter discussed earlier.

### **Highlands**

Bill reported that Alan Ford is also on committee and that there is no activity at this time. Bill will stay on the committee at this time. Steve Hurford and Chuck Neary are interested in participating if any vacancies arise.

### **Sustainability/Green Team**

Lisa Coster has agreed to complete two Action Items related to education for Sustainable Jersey. Our Bronze certification is good for three years, but we can earn additional points towards Silver level. Chuck will send out a list of available action items that people can work on.

### **Township Committee Liaison Update**

Storm water application: UTEK needs to do 10 points on public education. Michele handed out requirements Bill will be involved in looking at the requirements.

Conservation Easement Update: A project timeline was handed out by Michelle. All deeds are being looked up and she is up to lot block 22 at this time. About 220

conservation easements have to be prioritized say by water proximity and then open space impact.

Michelle asked if we wanted to look at some areas where we have water issues. Princeton Hydro can do a study for us and make recommendations, pending the availability of grant money.

**Hearing of Citizens:**

Joan Church expressed her willingness to work with Michelle on the Conservation Easement project.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill and seconded by Sandy. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.