



Union Township Environmental Commission

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Minutes for February 12, 2013 Regular Meeting

Call to Order: The February 2013 meeting was called to order by Chairman Church at 7:04 PM, with the reading of the "Sunshine Law" announcement.

Roll Call: Present; Don Church, Bill Harclerode, Steve Hurford, Jim Eschbach, Alan Ford, Claudia Rocca, Chuck Neary, Brett Bragin

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Steve motioned to accept the January 8, 2013 minutes. Jim seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Old Business:

- Transco pipeline – There was an article in the newspaper about a pipeline going through Readington. Is this part of the Transco Supply Link project?
- Proposed archery center – No new information on this, although Bill heard from the NJDEP, who said they would keep the Township informed about this project.
- Stream Cleanup of Sydney Brook and/or Mulhockaway Creek on 4/20/2013 from 9 am until noon – Volunteers are needed for this event. A notice was added to the UTEC's webpage. The location of the cleanup will be decided by VJ DiRoberto and the cub/boy scouts.
- 319 Grant Remediation Site selection – the site visit was cancelled due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled to occur before the next UTEC meeting. Don and Michele visited a few of the sites in December 2012. Members were asked to look over the high priority sites to determine which sites should be pursued/prioritized. Don will invite Dr. Souza of Princeton Hydro to our next meeting to discuss our options for this project.

New Business:

- Northeast Diesel Collaborative – Don had sent an email with information on this group to UTEC members to see if there was interest in joining or attending their meetings. Bill suggested monitoring diesel emissions near the UT middle school and the truck stop, and/or near the Pattenburg RR siding.
- Dates for Well testing – possible dates for this event were discussed. Need to coordinate with the Raritan Headwaters Assoc (RHA). People would pickup/pay for the water tests that they want done, and would drop off their samples on a subsequent week day. UTEC must deliver the samples to the RHA office. Claudia will contact the RHA to select a date.

Communication: 1) received an email from Mrs. Potts asking how to dispose of smoke detectors.

- 2) Received an ANJEC newsletter about an invasive species workshop to be held on February 20th.
- 3) Received the ANJEC Winter 2013 report.

Chair's Report: Don has attended five sessions of the Rutgers Univ. environmental course so far (with only 15 more to go). Don will attend the March 23rd ANJEC course "Fundamentals of Effective Environmental Commissions". Don will be putting together a UTEC annual report for 2012.

Township Committee Liaison's Report: The Township will be meeting with the Highlands Council of Friday April 5th. The Township received approval from the NJDEP for the Race Street stream bank restoration, and will be seeking grant money for this project. UTEC needs to prioritize the 319 stream restoration projects.

Planning Board Liaison's Report: The last planning board meeting was cancelled due to lack of business. They should be receiving a final site plan for the Unorski property soon.

Reports of Subcommittees:

- (Chuck N) Open Space: nothing new
- (Brett/Don) Trails: no news from the Jehovah's Witness attorneys. We need to communicate with the Edna Mahon prison and let them know we will be having a trail next to their fence.
- Communication: nothing new. We need to get someone with the proper skills to put together the newsletter.
- (Bill) Road Noise: still have not heard back from Assemblyman Peterson on the status of State Police enforcement of unmuffled engine braking in I-78.
- (Brett) Contaminated Sites: nothing new to report.

Hearing of Citizens: No citizens present.

Other Matters:

- NJ Highlands Video: "The Highlands Rediscovered" – this could count as one of our public education events. Don will call Erica at the Highlands Coalition to inquire about when they can come and show it.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Bill motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Jim. All in favor. The February 12, 2013 regular meeting of the UTEC was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2013