

Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission Agenda

September 19th, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

In compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”, notice has been given that the Lebanon Township Environmental and Open Space Commission conducts its regular business meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the main meeting room of the municipal building. Notice of this meeting was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the monthly agendas are posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building.

STANDARD AGENDA

Topic	Intent/Materials	Time
Kickoff, Roll Call & Connecting Moment (Adam Duckworth)	Call meeting to order and record attendance.	15 Min
Presentation of Minutes (Adam Duckworth)	Review and approval of August Meeting Minutes. Those present at the August meeting include Kathy Koch, Adam Mickley, Sharon Hardy, Nancy Lawler and Adam Duckworth.	5 Min
General Admin (Adam Duckworth)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetlands LOI for Turkey Top and FAQ Review • Update on Red Mill Rd. Property Evaluation (see below) • ANJEC Environmental Congress – brief trip report • Management & Maintenance Agreement on Fisher Property • DVRPC Case Study 	15 Min
Newsletter	<p>Winter newsletter deadline is November 1st. Articles on the docket include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider deer management as a topic? Any volunteers? <p>Backlog:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deer Management • Proper Use of Pesticides and Herbicides (target Spring 2016) • Mosquito Control (target Spring 2016) • Organic Methods • Invasive Species • Fire Risk Reduction on Your Property 	5 Min
Budget Report (Adam Duckworth)	<p>Review and align on current state budget for EOSC, Sustainable Jersey grant and trail grant. Review outstanding reimbursements. Review upcoming spending.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Summary (Actual and Planned Spend) 	5 Min
Planning Board Report (Adam Duckworth)	<p>Share pertinent information from Planning Board.</p> <p>No Planning Board meetings have occurred since August EOSC meeting.</p>	N/A
Highlands Report (Adam Duckworth)	Share any developments related to the Highlands Act.	5 Min
MWA Report (Erik Henriksen)	Share any pertinent information from the MWA.	5 Min

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RHA Report (Nancy Lawler)	Share any pertinent information from the RHA.	5 Min
Sustainable Jersey Report (Adam Duckworth)	Share any pertinent information from the Sustainable Jersey. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intent on Energy Gold Standard 	5 Min
Correspondence (All)	Acknowledge and share any formal correspondence received by EOSC chair or informal correspondence received by EOSC members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	5 Min
Special Topics	Introduce for discussion any special topics outside of the standard agenda.	15 Min
Portfolio Review	Project Leads to share brief status report and next steps for active and upcoming projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Septic Maintenance Workshop (Oct 2nd) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who's helping Nancy, who's attending? ○ Coffee urns to Kathy ○ Advertising opportunities, Facebook and signs • Bunnvale Grant • Farm Passport Challenge • Goracy Trail • Memorial Park Bio-Blitz • Recycling Actions 	30 Min

Update on Red Mill Rd. Property Evaluation from Committeeman Mike Schmidt 18-Sep-2016

We submitted the Highlands grant application for 50% funding by the deadline last Friday, and incidentally they told me they have gotten "much bigger" interest than they expected with a "few dozen" applications. They said one group has "stitched together" over 2,000 acres into a preservation proposal (they didn't know off hand what county that is in). They expect to fund accepted grants in January 2017.

We received an appraisal of 97 Red Mill Road on Friday, so the Township Committee can discuss an offer to the sellers in executive session this coming Wednesday. The goal is to get a written understanding with the sellers and then for us to retain a surveyor and a firm for a Phase 1 Environmental assessment. I'm collecting names of companies for both (we will need three proposals for each), and if the EOSC has any recommendations it would be great to add them to the list.

Raritan Headwaters sent a letter, which we attached to the highlands application, that they intend to apply for a Hunterdon County Nonprofit Open Space grant that could provide 20% funding. We are targeting this application in early November to get on the last Hunterdon County Open Space Advisory meeting this year. I am hoping to also apply for our Township's Municipal Grant (i.e., Drawback) from Hunterdon County at that meeting to secure the rest of our funding.

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ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order with a quorum at: 7:08 PM.

EOSC Member	Role	Attendance
Adam Duckworth	Chairman, Planning Board Liaison	X
Sharon Petzinger	Member	X
Warren Newman	Member	X
Erik Jan Henriksen	Member	X
Nancy Lawler	Member	No
Deb Goodsite	Member	No
Adam Mickley	Member	No
Sharon Hardy	Alternate 1	X
Kathy Koch	Alternate 2	X

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General Admin (Adam Duckworth)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetlands LOI for Turkey Top and FAQ Review • Update on Red Mill Rd. Property Evaluation (see below) • ANJEC Environmental Congress – brief trip report • Management & Maintenance Agreement on Fisher Property • DVRPC Case Study <p>Minutes: With respect to the Wetlands LOI letter received, Mr. Newman stated that the applicant hires their own wetland scientists to do an evaluation which becomes part of the application and then the DEP confirms accuracy of the assessment. The LOI is an agreement on the application. Mr. Newman indicated that what may get lost is our knowledge based on a deeper understanding of the area and there is an opportunity to share that with the DEP during the application review period. If you develop wetlands then the applicant must mitigate the loss of wetlands in one of a few approved ways. The application is filed at the state level and not the township level. They will likely need to file a Highlands Application as a next step. Miss Koch stated that the applicant would have to notify neighbors within 200' but Mr. Newman didn't think that was the case for the LOI.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth asked the team to review the agenda for Environmental Congress and suggest specific topics for Miss Koch and Miss Petzinger to learn about.</p>	15 Min
Newsletter	<p>Winter newsletter article submission deadline is October 1st. Articles on the docket include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider deer management as a topic? Any volunteers? <p>Backlog:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deer Management • Proper Use of Pesticides and Herbicides (target Spring 2016) • Mosquito Control (target Spring 2016) • Organic Methods • Invasive Species • Fire Risk Reduction on Your Property <p>Minutes: Mr. Laul stated that we need to notify the town of dumpster day and that he would take care of notification. Miss Petzinger will plan to submit an article on trees in Memorial Park and deer management.</p>	5 Min
Budget Report (Adam Duckworth)	<p>Review and align on current state budget for EOSC, Sustainable Jersey grant and trail grant. Review outstanding reimbursements. Review upcoming spending.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Summary (Actual and Planned Spend) <p>Minutes: There were no updates.</p>	5 Min
Planning Board Report (Adam Duckworth)	<p>Share pertinent information from Planning Board.</p> <p>Minutes: Mr. Duckworth indicated that no Planning Board meetings have occurred since the August EOSC meeting.</p>	N/A
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MWA Report (Erik Henriksen)	Share any pertinent information from the MWA. Minutes: Mr. Henriksen stated that the Hughesville dam was notched and will be totally removed within a month. Stream restoration will begin. Mr. Henriksen noted that there were no updates on the Hampton development project but some deadlines have passed. He also noted that there is a meeting tonight regarding Lake Hopatcong water supply and that they are contemplating amending the agreement.	5 Min
RHA Report (Nancy Lawler)	Share any pertinent information from the RHA. Minutes: No updates as Miss Lawler was not present.	5 Min
Sustainable Jersey Report (Adam Duckworth)	Share any pertinent information from the Sustainable Jersey. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intent on Energy Gold Standard Minutes: No updates.	5 Min
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