

# Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission Agenda

December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## 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
<b>Kickoff, Roll Call &amp; Connecting Moment</b>	Call meeting to order and take roll call.	10 Min
<b>Presentation of Minutes</b>	Review and approval of November Meeting Minutes. All commission members can approve except for Mr. Newman and Mr. Mickley who were not present at the November meeting.	10 Min
<b>General Admin</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well Test Winners from Fall Fest               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adriane Collett</li> <li>○ Carla Basante</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 2018 EOSC Meeting Schedule</li> </ul>	15 Min
<b>Newsletter</b>	Spring newsletter deadline February 1 <sup>st</sup> . Articles to be submitted include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter Cleanup (Maria Naccarato)</li> <li>• Well Testing (Kathy Koch)</li> </ul> Backlog: Proper Use of Pesticides and Herbicides, Organic Methods, Invasive Species, Christian Crossroads Dam Removal/History	5 Min
<b>Correspondence</b>	Acknowledge and share any formal correspondence received by EOSC chair or informal correspondence received by EOSC members. All correspondence when possible is scanned and stored digitally in a public access Google Drive folder at <a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B14m3wFylheUWjBjNEkwalU4TGc">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B14m3wFylheUWjBjNEkwalU4TGc</a> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	0 Min
<b>Focus Topics</b>	A select set of topics that require deeper discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard Open Space FAQs</li> <li>• Bee Bill</li> <li>• Emerald Ash Borer Strategy</li> <li>• Alternative Ways to Fund Homeowner Costs for Goracy</li> </ul>	40 Min

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<b>Reports</b>	<p>Provide updates on the following standard topics below; any pre-submitted updates are included in <b>Attachment 1</b>.</p> <p><u>Program Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter Cleanup (Naccarato)</li> <li>• Well Testing (Koch)</li> <li>• LT Fall Fest (Duckworth)</li> </ul> <p><u>Project Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NJ Water Supply Property Agreement Refresh (Mickley)</li> <li>• Conservation Easement Assessment (Duckworth)</li> </ul> <p><u>Parcel Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Block 24, Lot 16 – Hickory Run Rd. DEP Preservation</li> <li>• Block 36, Lot 17 Partial Preservation “Goracy Trail” (Hardy)</li> <li>• Block 35, Lot 88 Preservation “Red Mill Road” (Schmidt)</li> <li>• Pt. Mountain/Teetertown Link (Schmidt)</li> </ul> <p><u>Administrative Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EOSC Budget (Duckworth)</li> <li>• Planning Board (Duckworth)</li> <li>• Highlands Act (Duckworth)</li> <li>• Musconetcong Watershed Association (Henriksen)</li> <li>• Raritan Headwaters Association (Lawler)</li> <li>• Sustainable Jersey (Duckworth)</li> </ul>	10 Min

## Attachment 1: Reports

### Block 36, Lot 17 Partial Preservation “Goracy Trail”

As per Ms. Hardy on 17-Dec-2017, she spoke to the landowner on December 10<sup>th</sup> but received no indication from her that she was moving forward with a survey at this time.

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## ROLL CALL

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

## MEETING MINUTES

Topic	Intent/Materials	Time
<b>Kickoff, Roll Call &amp; Connecting Moment</b>	<p>Call meeting to order and take roll call.</p> <p><b>Minutes:</b> In addition to the EOSC members listed above, Committeeman Schmidt, Mayor Laul and Tom and Deborah Szmaida of 169 Buffalo Hollow Road were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.</p>	10 Min
<b>Presentation of Minutes</b>	<p>Review and approval of November Meeting Minutes. All commission members can approve except for Mr. Newman and Mr. Mickley who were not present at the November meeting.</p> <p><b>Minutes:</b> Mr. Duckworth asked for comments on proposed November Minutes. Ms. Hardy pointed out a minor correction. Mr. Duckworth asked for a motion to approve with this minor correction. Mr. Collett made the motion, Mr. Henriksen seconded and it was unanimously approved.</p>	10 Min
<b>General Admin</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well Test Winners from Fall Fest                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adriane Collett</li> <li>○ Carla Basante</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 2018 EOSC Meeting Schedule</li> </ul> <p><b>Minutes:</b> Mr. Duckworth acknowledged that Adriane Collett and Carla Basante were the winners of free basic well testing kits from the Fall Harvest Festival. Mr. Duckworth then asked Ms. Hardy if she had a proposal for rescheduling the EOSC meeting. Ms. Hardy stated that the only other Mondays on which the meeting room is available is the first or fourth Monday of the month. She stated there was not much difference between those two options when considering overlap with holidays and proximity to Township Committee meeting. The team agreed to keep January as-is on the third Monday and then shift to the first Monday of the month after that. Mr.</p>	15 Min

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	Duckworth said he would follow up with Karen Sandorse.	
<b>Newsletter</b>	<p>Spring newsletter deadline February 1<sup>st</sup>. Articles to be submitted include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter Cleanup (Maria Naccarato)</li> <li>• Well Testing (Kathy Koch)</li> </ul> <p>Backlog: Proper Use of Pesticides and Herbicides, Organic Methods, Invasive Species, Christian Crossroads Dam Removal/History</p> <p><b>Minutes:</b> Mr. Duckworth noted there were two newsletter articles on the docket for the spring newsletter. Ms. Koch stated that she would decide on a date for well testing with Mara. She also noted that she attended the RHA State of the Watershed event and said it was a good event but there was no new information for us; it was the standard information we already got through our RHA contacts.</p>	5 Min
<b>Correspondence</b>	<p>Acknowledge and share any formal correspondence received by EOSC chair or informal correspondence received by EOSC members. All correspondence when possible is scanned and stored digitally in a public access Google Drive folder at <a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B14m3wFylheUWjBjNEkwalU4TGc">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B14m3wFylheUWjBjNEkwalU4TGc</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> <p><b>Minutes:</b> Mr. Duckworth asked if there was any correspondence received by Commission members. There was none.</p>	0 Min
<b>Focus Topics</b>	<p>A select set of topics that require deeper discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard Open Space FAQs</li> <li>• Bee Bill</li> <li>• Emerald Ash Borer Strategy</li> <li>• Alternative Ways to Fund Homeowner Costs for Goracy</li> </ul> <p><b>Minutes:</b> Mr. Duckworth stated he was contacted by Tom and Deborah Szmaida, who were in the audience, regarding proposed amendments and new rules regulating beekeeping activities in NJ. Mr. Duckworth highlighted that original laws were passed in 2015 and that these pre-empted any municipal rules; he also stated that some of the key aspects with respect to the current proposed changes were clarification on definitions, hive density limits and property setback limits for hives. Mr. Duckworth then gave the floor to Mr. and Mrs. Szmaida.</p> <p>Mr. Szmaida stated that they are 19-year residents of Lebanon Township and have been beekeepers for the past 5 years. He is the vice president of the Northwest branch of the NJ Beekeepers Association, which consists of approximately 150 beekeepers. There are 10 chapters in the state. Hobbyists and sideliners make up to about 80% of beekeepers in state. The proposed rules restrict what non-qualified commercial beekeepers can do and did not include input from the state apiarist or from beekeepers. There was some discussion after this and Mr. Duckworth offered to work with Mr. Szmaida to prepare a resolution. Mr. Szmaida stated he follow up with Mr. Duckworth and Mr. Laul via email to continue the discussion and that he would be attending the Township Committee meeting on Wednesday night.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth then moved on to the next topic to which was the standard open</p>	40 Min

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	<p>space FAQs. Ms. Hardy stated that she shared a link via Slack to the USDA Forest Service website which listed some FAQs. Mr. Henriksen said that he would do more searching online.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth then moved on to the next topic, recapping the Hunterdon County Planning Board breakfast talk which focused on septic system management and the emerald ash borer. Mr. Duckworth stated that there was excellent turnout from Lebanon Township with approximately nine members from the Township Committee and Planning Board attending. He stated some attendees discussed the need for an emerald ash borer strategy. Mr. Laul stated that the utility company was back in town removing ash trees from around power lines. Mr. Schmidt highlighted that public education and outreach should be a priority for 2018. It was highlighted that Ms. Petzinger was going to prepare a newsletter article for the spring newsletter.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth then raised a question to the team, which originated prior to the meeting from Ms. Lawler, asking if there were any ideas on how to help the property owner of Block 36, Lot 17, (the Goracy link to Miquin) defray the costs of the survey required prior to potential sale and preservation. There were no ideas and the team acknowledged that public funds could not be used for this. Ms. Hardy stated she would extend the invite to Mr. Duckworth's New Year's Day walk to the property owner.</p>	
<b>Reports</b>	<p>Provide updates on the following standard topics below; any pre-submitted updates are included in <b>Attachment 1</b>.</p> <p><u>Program Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter Cleanup (Naccarato)</li> <li>• Well Testing (Koch)</li> <li>• LT Fall Fest (Duckworth)</li> </ul> <p><u>Project Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NJ Water Supply Property Agreement Refresh (Mickley)</li> <li>• Conservation Easement Assessment (Duckworth)</li> </ul> <p><u>Parcel Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Block 24, Lot 16 – Hickory Run Rd. DEP Preservation</li> <li>• Block 36, Lot 17 Partial Preservation “Goracy Trail” (Hardy)</li> <li>• Block 35, Lot 88 Preservation “Red Mill Road” (Schmidt)</li> <li>• Pt. Mountain/Teetertown Link (Schmidt)</li> </ul> <p><u>Administrative Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EOSC Budget (Duckworth)</li> <li>• Planning Board (Duckworth)</li> <li>• Highlands Act (Duckworth)</li> <li>• Musconetcong Watershed Association (Henriksen)</li> <li>• Raritan Headwaters Association (Lawler)</li> <li>• Sustainable Jersey (Duckworth)</li> </ul> <p><b>Minutes:</b> Mr. Duckworth asked if there were any other updates before adjourning. Committeeman Schmidt provided an update regarding the preservation opportunity with Block 10, Lot 41 along Buffalo Hollow Road. He stated that NJCF has contacted the state regarding this parcel and that the state likes the idea. He stated that NJCF wants to get behind this, as well.</p>	10 Min

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	<p>Committeeman Schmidt also stated that purchase of Block 35, Lot 41, may have completed already or will do so in the next couple of days.</p> <p>Mr. Duckworth asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM. The motion was made by Mr. Henriksen, seconded by Ms. Koch, and unanimously approved.</p>	