

Chatham Township Environmental Commission
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Minutes of the May 8, 2006 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:45 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2006 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, S. Hoag, P. Payton, O. Raadam, D. Stillinger, L. Tavtigan, and N. Hagner.

CTEC's Purpose (NJ40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement – The meeting schedule for 2005-2006 was published in the Chatham Courier and Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

Ms. Hoag moved to accept the minutes from April 10, 2006 and Ms. Hagner seconded, with all in favor.

Notes

The NJDEP expects comments on LOIs from environmental commissions.

Events

Sat. May 20, 8:30am – 12:30, Essex County College, Newark ANJEC GIS workshop.

Application Review

Zuretti / Schott applications - after further discussion of comment letters, EC will change the date/make revisions and send to DEP within one week with/without response from planning board or others.

LOI, Reckson. Revise letter, send. Closed

LOI, Walsh - S. Hoag & O. Raadam to write letter. Open

Gunn application - K. Abbott & D. Stillinger to visit site, draft letter. Open

Hartnett - commission discussed - further action will be taken. Open

Omnipoint Communications - conditional use variance (public works buildings) - no comment, no letter to be sent. Closed

Cingular Wireless - minor site plan approval. EC will recommend eliminating access road on steep part of parcel, using existing shed and pad on upper tower, requiring company to remove equipment when no longer needed. Closed

Reports

Open Space Committee report: continued bike path development discussion - residents will be invited to help with planning. Discussion of grant application-waiting for response on status of grant. Discussion continuing for Greenway Planning.

Chatham Township Committee report: Introduced storm water regulations adopted; discussion on demolition of Castle Park playground; discussion to amend wastewater management plan

(also planning board application); discussion of height restriction for front porches. N. Hagner to send follow up email regarding meeting discussions.

Organic Lawn Care/Pesticide Awareness subcommittee report: Crab grass preventer and pesticide use on township fields. K. Abbott to find out chemical name. Keep on agenda.

Conservation Easement Data Inventory Subcommittee report: Continue discussion - still pursuing. Keep on agenda.

Discussion/Action

Twp diesel equipment upgrade - O. Raadam to draft letters for retrofitting twp equipment. July deadline.

Green Faith's green energy wind mill farm. Continue discussion. Keep on agenda.

361 Shunpike - demolish existing house - subdivide into two lots. Commission discussed neighbors' concerns with storm water runoff. O. Raadam & S. Hoag to conduct a site visit. Will inform at next months meeting.

EC member P. Payton has drafted letter to newspapers over concerns of tear downs.

Commission discussed residents concerns over tree protection and the new friendly procedures that the Tree Protection Committee is taking. Mary Olmstead will be contacted for update.

Mail

(on top of filing cabinet in meeting room)

US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, Feb. 13, 2006

Letter from Garden Club of Somerset Hills turning down grant request for \$150 for supplies for Riverside Cleanup.

Letter from NJDEP in reply to CTEC's letter urging continuation of ESP grant program.

Minutes of Long Hill Twp. EC for 3-20-06

Minutes of Chatham Borough EC for 3-15-06 - Borough EC will put a link on their web site to Township web site's list of organic landscapers.

Various newsletters, event announcements, and flyers.

CTEC meeting adjourned at 10 PM.

Carolyn Scannelli, Minutes Secretary