

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

April 18, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

APPROVED:

The Bedminster Township Environmental Commission held their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building, Main Meeting Room, One Miller Lane, Bedminster, NJ. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Chairman George Rodelius, Vice-Chairwoman Theresa Petras, Commissioners Jonathan Gibson, Renee Mareski, Brian Fahey, Art Stappenbeck, Jeff Leonard, Jamie Sunyak, and Joe Dunne.

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Recognition of a quorum was followed by a reading by Chairman Rodelius of the Open Public meetings Act as required by law.

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Bedminster Township Environmental Commission was filed with the Township Clerk, mailed to the Bernardsville News, Bernardsville; and the Courier-News, Somerville; and to all subscribers; and was posted at the Township Municipal building, One Miller Lane, Bedminster, New Jersey, all on January 6, 2012.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(a) Minutes for March 28, 2012 special meeting were approved, Motion made by Brian Fahey and seconded by Jeff Leonard. Jamie Sunyak and Art Stappenbeck abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Former Bedminster Mayor Joe Metelski was present and commented that the Township Committee presented the proposed budget at the meeting on Monday and that it should be accepted at the next meeting. The average homeowner will see a 5% increase in their property taxes.

GUEST SPEAKER ON HIGHLANDS CONFORMANCE:

Frank Banisch spoke to the Commission regarding the area of Bedminster which is affected by the Highlands, which is basically from Pottersville Road and North. This portion of the town is within the mandatory conformance area. The rest of the township is in the planning area. Discussion on Bedminster's environmental resource inventory. The town will conform to the mandatory area but is not opting in to the planning area. The Environmental Commission must accept the appropriate portion of the document by our next meeting.

As there was no further business to conduct, on a motion of Commissioner Brian Fahey, seconded by Commissioner Renee Mareski, the meeting was "Adjourned" at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Theresa M. Petras
Vice Chair, and Acting Commission Secretary*