

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

February 15, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

APPROVED:

The Bedminster Township Environmental Commission held their regular meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 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, Art Stappenback, Renee Mareski, Jamie Sunyak, and Jeff Leonard.

Brien Fahey advised Chairman Rodelius that he would be late and Joe Dunne was an unexcused absent.

Meeting was called to order at 7:12pm.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Liz Fulton, Watershed Ambassador with AmeriCorps was here on behalf of the Raritan Headwaters Association. She explained that she would be reaching out to various groups to talk about why watersheds are important. She can also help us with whatever we may need.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Chairman Rodelius and several other commissioners recently visited the Middle Brook on Long Lane with several representatives of the North Jersey Resource Conversation and Development. They walked the property and there will be a recommended plan of action.

Commissioner Sunyak reported that the State has a development and re-development plan that they use for economic re-development, which includes all types of planning areas. The governor has drafted a new plan which veers away for economic reasons. ANJEC is suggesting that we become more aware of what is going on so that we can make comments. There will be several public hearings. The old plan provided a lot more direction.

Commissioner Fahey joined the meeting at 7:31pm.

GUEST SPEAKER ON THE HISTORY OF BEDMINSTER'S 10 ACRE ZOING:

Former Bedminster Mayor Joseph Metelski joined the meeting to discuss the Master Plan. Mayor Metelski gave some background on what he has done on behalf of Bedminster since he has lived here. He discussed the last state development/re-development plan and how Bedminster reacted to it. We need to pay attention to the new plan which is proposed by the governor, which seems to be geared towards promoting growth. We need to be mindful of what is being proposed and how it may affect our town. There will be state planning commission hearings that should have representation from the town.

As there was no further business to conduct, on a motion of Commissioner Brian Fahey, seconded by Commissioner Jon Gibson, the meeting was "Adjourned" at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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