

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

January 18, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

APPROVED:

The Bedminster Township Environmental Commission held their regular meeting on Wednesday, January 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, Art Stappenback, Renee Mareski, Jamie Sunyak, Brian Fahey, Jeff Leonard and Joe Dunne.

Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

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.*

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2012:

Chairman Rodelius asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair for 2012. Commissioner Petras was nominated by Jon Gibson, and seconded by Brian Fahey. Nominations were closed by a nomination from Renee Mareski, seconded by Jeff Leonard.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Chairman Rodelius noted that Committeeman Bernie Pane, who is the alternate representative from the township committee, was present.

COMMISSION PROJECTS FOR 2012:

There are a number of projects which need to be addressed this year:

Conservation Easement Inventory: This was started a while ago and would like to see it finished sometime this year and made available digitally. Commissioners Fahey and Mareski volunteered to work on this project.

Stewardship of Open Space: North Jersey RC&D will be helping us with this. Please let George know if you have any interest in participating in a meeting with them, George and Mayor Holtaway on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at property on Spook Hollow Road.

ANJAC is offering Commissioner Courses on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Any Commissioner can attend, but new Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Hillsborough has formed a Green Team which partners with their elementary school to work with children to make them aware and get them involved. As Joe Dunn knows the people in Hillsborough he will work on starting a similar initiative here in Bedminster with the elementary school and the Willow School.

EC Ordinance on Threatened and Endangered Species: Millstone developed an ordinance which was adopted by their town government regarding threatened and endangered species within their wetlands. Jamie has volunteered to look at it to see if it would be something that could be developed in Bedminster.

We would also like to work with North Jersey RC&D with regard to out streams and wetlands.

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

Ed Russo, former Chair of Bedminster Environmental Commission and former Chair of Bedminster Planning Board, as well as having been chair of several town committees and boards in Chester, gave an in depth talk on how our 10 acre zoning came into being. He also gave some insight into how The Hills and the low/moderate income housing in Bedminster were developed.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

There was a question regarding a representative for the developer of the DOT tract coming to address the Hills Village Master Association next week. Town is not involved in that meeting and is not aware. At some point the developer will be coming before this commission.

Continuing with deer management.

Do we still have a Green Team? Yes, there is but we are not sure who is on it. Would like Joe to be the liaison from this commission.

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 8:10 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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