

Alloway Township Environmental Commission
March 7, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting

Attendees: Joe Ingerson-Mahar, Frank Ponti, Craig Kane, Chris Gilbert, Marilyn Patterson

Absent: John Matthews and Brian Leady

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30pm.

The February minutes were accepted as read.

The 2010 Annual Report of Environmental Commission activities was approved as written. Marilyn will give it to Mary Lou.

Correspondence: Joe Fedora has asked us to do a second review of the NJDEP Source Water Assessment Report of 2004. This request was prompted by Marilyn when Warren Wieting stated at the Township Committee Meeting that based on this report the water in Alloway Township was unsafe to drink. Marilyn gave Township Committeeman, Myrle Patrick a copy of the report to review. She also asked that the Mayor use the Environmental Commission review the report to allay his concerns.

Joe Mahar assigned Frank Ponti and Craig Kane to review this document. His position was that the rest of us had already reviewed it and supported the original report sent to the Township Committee so it was important to have fresh eyes look at it.

Joe Mahar gave us an update on Marmorated Stink Bugs. The farming community is bracing itself for a large amount of Stink Bug damaged this year. Joe said that they like to feed on the edges of the fields which means that home gardens will be hit hard by these pests.

Reports:

BRC- The BRC submitted its budget to the Township. It is working to get the County to destroy the House, dock and remove the septic system.

Green Team- The Green Team continues to try to reduce the electric bill for the Township. It is looking into the efficiency of our street lights. They are reaching out to the school to see if they will apply for the grants available. They are also looking into the recycling done by the school.

Planning Board- The Clay Extraction Mine owned by Angelo Massari is coming before the Planning Board this month for an expansion permit. It was agreed that we need to have someone look at the mine to see how they work. Craig will ask the Planning Board to allow someone from the EC to visit the site. This was done not because we expect to find problems but help us understand their function in case we are asked to review other mines.

The Planning Board is sending a letter to the DEP concerning the expansion of the Salem County Landfill into wetlands. It basically supports our position.

The Planning Board has received an HKS Case Management Notice.

Old Business- We finalized our letter to the DEP concerning the Landfill Expansion. This letter will be sent to the Township Committee and then forwarded to the appropriate parties.

Meeting was adjourned.