

Alloway Township Environmental Commission
Re-organization Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2017

Attendees: Joe Mahar, Frank Ponti, Craig Kane, Autumn Angelus, Aaron Warren, Chris Gilbert, Amanda Pierce

Guests: Renee Waters

Meeting Called To Order at 7:33pm

Joseph Mahar was re-appointed as Chair for 2017 by the Township Committee-persons.

New member, Amanda Pierce introduced herself, and then all members and guests made introductions as well.

December minutes were approved with minor changes. (Motion by JM, 2nd by FP)

Correspondence: No correspondence. JM brought up some disconcerting information regarding a potato fungus threatening NJ potato farmers.

Discussion-

Old business:

- The letter drafted to Pierson was reviewed and changed. JM would like it to go out asap, however it needs to go through the Twp. Committee first. All members agree that positive contact will be beneficial to all parties.
- Perhaps it would be worth writing a letter to the new owner of the HKS property to discuss intentions & inform the owner of the ecological sensitivity of his/her property.

New business:

- Renee Waters asked if the natural resources inventory dovetailed into the zoning map. FP & CK replied that they are, in a way.
- JM brought up the Clean Water Act and the “waters of the US” and the impacts to farmers.
- *Planning Board-*
 - Master Plan review - all changes by ATEC were accepted and written into the new master plan. The new plan seems to be a condensed, positive, and environmentally oriented Master Plan. JM requested a copy from CK.
 - CK asked about the stream corridor question, raised at last month’s EC meeting. The engineer and solicitor both stated that the lake is indeed a stream; however they also stated that the state laws take precedence over local laws. AA stated that it is her understanding that state laws regarding such matters are only observed if there are no local laws/ ordinances in place. Commission members were in agreement, and CK will ask again.
 - CK stated that there will be nothing from the January PB meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42pm.