

Minutes of the Alloway Township Environmental Commission January 6, 2020

Attendees: Joe Mahar, Craig Kane, Frank Ponti, Renee Waters, Committeeman Warren Morgan

Absent: Autumn Angelus, Chris Gilbert, Debbie Dilks,

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted. (Motion by Ponti, second by Waters)

Reappointment of Kane.

Announcements/correspondence: None.

A discussion of invasive plants: cheatgrass, wisteria, Japanese honeysuckle, Japanese stilt grass and others. Invasive plants suggested by Mahar as the topic for the environmental science award. Would like input from Dilks.

Review of December meeting: Tabled till next meeting or when Autumn is present for a report on Mr. Bonham's activity.

Ponte brought up the Upper Deerfield Twp. checklist suggesting it as a solution to the current about 30% failure of new single family home construction projects not getting the erosion control permit and subsequent erosion problems.

Reports: Planning Board: Waters announced her appointment to the planning/zoning board and Morgan reported he is now the Township Committee liaison to the board.

Old business: Environmental Resource Inventory: Next meeting block and tax map page examples will be presented for review.

New business:

Goals for 2020 include:

- Wrap-up the soil erosion and sedimentation project including wetlands and other revisions to the check list.
- Sponsor the environmental science award.
- Move the Environmental Resource Inventory forward.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.