

**Minutes, Meeting of the Metuchen Environmental Commission
November 18th , 2015**

2015	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	SEP	OCT	NOV
M. Herzberg, Chair	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Rasmussen, Liaison	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	P	A
A. Dohl	M	M	P	P	A	A	A	P	A	A
J. Schaffer	P	P	A	P	P	M	M	A	A	P
B. Weeks	P	A	M	M	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jennifer Maier, Planning Bd. Liaison	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
A. Dutemple				P	M	P	P	P	A	M
J. Kelly					P	P	A	M	M	P

Key: P=Present, A=Absent, R=Resigned; M=Minutes Assigned/Taken.

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Visitors

No visitors or guests this month.

Minutes of Oct. 2015 meeting

Approved.

Correspondence

There were 3 additions of the DEP bulletin.

The Oct. 21st bulletin mentions the notice of the sewer expansion public hearing regarding the Gulton site, set for Nov. 24, 2015 at 5:30 pm in the Freeholders public meeting room in New Brunswick. The County is applying to DEP to extend sewer service to Gulton parcels. The planning board attorney is going to attend this meeting to submit a resolution against the proposed sewer expansion because some of the parcels included in the proposed expansion are wetlands and/or in a flood zone and because the properties are polluted and the extent of necessary cleanup is presently unknown. The Borough had previously passed a resolution that certain of the Gulton lots be excluded from a waste water management plan.

The November 4th bulletin stated that there were three general permits issued by the Division of Water Quality – two concerning the Pearl Street development and one concerning the Sportsplex. All of these permits were issued for storm water discharge at the aforementioned sites.

The November 18th bulletin did not contain anything pertaining to Metuchen.

There was also a notice of a renewal of an existing permit for air pollution control issued to New Wincup Holdings.

Grant Update

No updates.

Dismal Swamp

No updates.

Sustainable Jersey Update

Metuchen has received “Bronze Status” from Sustainable Jersey for the second year in a row.

Potential Future Projects

There was a discussion about potentially using pervious paving for several parking spots adjacent to the piazza that will allow for more rain water capture and more effective storm water management. If successful, it could become a pilot program for other locations throughout the borough.

Community Outreach

- Earth Day Film Fest: The festival will hopefully be conducted at the Old Franklin Schoolhouse. The Commission is considering screening the documentary “The True Cost” and is considering asking local businesses to come and speak about their own environmentally friendly practices.

Planning Board

- No updates.

New business

None.

Next meeting

Wednesday, January 20th at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Alyson Dutemple