

**BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**November 17, 2015**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Roger A. Plew	<i>Chair</i>	X	
Eugene Fuzy	<i>Vice-Chair</i>	X	
Carole Cann	<i>Secretary</i>	X	
Will Bancroft	<i>Treasurer</i>	X	
John Sargent		X	
Jill Popko	<i>Committeeman Liaison</i>		X
Dean Buhner	<i>Director of Public Works</i>		X

**1. SALUTE TO FLAG**

Chairman Plew called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and led those present in a salute to the flag.

**2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIRMAN**

In compliance with the open Public Meetings Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner: On January 26, 2015 advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board opposite the main entrance of the meeting room in the Municipal Building; was mailed to the Register-News and the Burlington County Times; was filed with the Clerk of Bordentown Township, and was mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice

**3. MINUTES**

Motion to adopt the minutes from the September 15, 2015 meetings was made by Vice Chair Eugene Fuzy. Will Bancroft seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

**4. Membership discussion with Chief Nucera:** In light of the fact that EC members interact with minors, a discussion was held concerning fingerprinting members. Chief Nucera explained the process of fingerprinting and described what it entails. Further discussion will be held and the Chief will look into any other protocols that need to be followed.

**5. LIASON REPORT: N/A**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Residents of Chesterfield Agnes Marsala, Belinda Blazic, and Martha Veselka gave a presentation outlining the hazards and dangers of the proposed TRANSCO pipeline and compressor station to be located on the border of Bordentown Township.

**Ms.** Marsala shared data on emissions, noise, and accidents. She urged that the Bordentown Township Committee join their efforts to oppose this project.

**Ms.** Blazic reported that FERC has not given final approval. She discussed the danger to wells in the area and noted that TRANSCO denies that they exist. She stated that residents have not been notified and is asking that residents sign an affidavit to that effect. She provided sample letters and links for residents to voice their opposition online. Letters to BPU must be submitted prior to Dec. 1. She reiterated that the pipeline and compressor will provide no benefits to the community.

Mr. Bancroft arrived at 8:30

**Ms. Veselka** informed the Commission that the compressor station is self-monitoring and response time in the case of an emergency can be 2-3 hours. She discussed the loss to residents in property values and to the municipality in tax revenue. She stressed the importance of raising community awareness and encouraging residents to write letters. She provided written material and sample letters to PERC and BPU.

**Ms. Lea Smith**, resident of Chesterfield, also sent a written presentation.

There will be a rally to oppose the pipeline and compressor on Dec. 16 at the Senior Citizens Center.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

**Green Team update:** Update was given on Creative Team action. Chairman Plew spoke to issue of frequent calling to Sustainable Jersey with questions. Sustainable Jersey should only be called after all members have had a chance to decipher the issue from the actions document, and then, calls to SJ should only be made by Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary or liaison.

**Brown Fields:** Chairman Plew will meet with Brian Johnson and a representative from DEP to go over the list of brownfields in the township and determine what action can be taken.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Planning Board Update:** Petro application. Chairman Plew gave an update on their plans to expand and to install new gas pumps.

**B. Zoning Board Update:** N/A

**C. Other:** Chairman Plew reviewed ongoing discussions about the Community Garden for 2016. He reported that a fee of \$35 will be charged for a plot, and that participants will be required to spend two community time hours each week in the garden. This information will be advertised in the People Papers and flyers will be available in apartment building offices.

**D. Discussion on Planning Board paperwork reduction.** Chairman Plew discussed the large amount of paper that the Planning Board generates and would like to find a way to reduce it.

## **9. FOR DISCUSSION:**

**A. Report on Sustainable Jersey Luncheon:** Chairman Plew attended this event on Nov. 17. Bordentown Township was recognized for its Sustainable Jersey accomplishments.

**B.** Chairman Plew asked that members think about meeting dates for 2016

## **10. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Fuzy and seconded by John Sargent. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.