

VOORHEES TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 12, 2013

The Chairperson called the meeting order. It was stated that this meeting is being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act and has been duly published and noticed as required by law."

FLAG SALUTE:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Hale, Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Washatwar, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Garbowski, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Belson

Absent: Mr. Wu

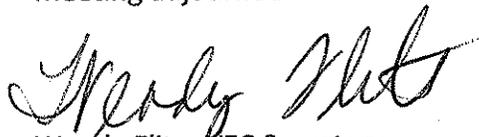
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Garbowski made a motion to approve the minutes from January 8, 2013 meeting as distributed; seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. Remaining present board members in favor.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES:

ABBOTTS DAIRY-Mr. Joseph Giddings review the outline of potential funding sources for the Abbott Dairy project. He stated in his opinion Green Acres may not be the route to go. It is very labor intensive and time consuming. Mr. Gidding's memo dated February 12, 2013 reviews federal funding, state funding, regional funding and private funding options. (See attached memo)

SUSTAINABLE VOORHEES – Mrs. Schwartz asks if there is anyone in the public who would like a brief update on the status of the program. Mr. Hale stated that Mrs. Schwartz is working on getting certification. Mrs. Bernadette Ickenger shared her interest in becoming involved. Mrs. Schwartz stated she is working on certification rather than establishing the "Green Team" at this point. She stated that previously submitted items were sufficient so she is working on resubmission of documentation and narratives. She suggests the members of the VEC should visit the website. She explained you need 150 points to be certified. Mrs. Schwartz also stated only five items were submitted correctly. Those items were Energy Audit, Raingarden, Environmental Impact Report and Tree Protection Ordinance. Mrs. Schwartz stated a "Mission Statement" needs to be created. The goal is to meet the June submission deadline. There are a couple of local towns that are certified and she recommends taking a look at their submissions among the towns are Gloucester Township, Stratford and Haddon Heights. Mr. Belson is going to work on the spreadsheet and Logo and Mr. Garbowski is going to look into what grants are available.

Mr. Hale opens meeting to the public. Seeing no public comments Mr. Gaffney makes a motion to close public portion; seconded by Mrs. Brown.  
Meeting adjourned.



Wendy Flite, VEC Secretary