

**WARREN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
46 MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD**

**WARREN, N J 07059**

**Approved**

Minutes of **June 17, 2014** meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 PM

**Present Commissioners:** P. Lobo (Presiding Officer), L. Mandell, K. Task, S. Ponzio

**Absent Commissioners:** J. Henschel, P. Villani, H. Black, D. Gabel, A. Winter, Liaison M. Marion

The minutes of April 2, 2014 were approved.

**Flag salute**

*STATEMENT* by Presiding Officer: Adequate notice of this meeting was given by posting a copy on the Township Bulletin Board and sending a copy to the Township Clerk, Echoes Sentinel and Courier News as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. All Commissioners are duly appointed volunteers working for the Township of Warren. We plan to adjourn by 10 PM.

**Next meeting will be July 15, 2014 at the  
library at 8:00 PM**

If you are not able to attend the meeting, please call the Secretary at 908-369-0682 as soon as possible.

### *Correspondence:*

**I. From:** James R. Frace

**To:** WEC

- The applicant is applying for a general permit #25 to perform a septic system alteration in a wetland buffer area.
- **Applicant:** unknown
- **Loc:** Block 11, Lot 12

**From:** Titus Surveying and Engineering, P.C./Eastern States

**To:** WEC

- The applicant is applying for treatment works approval for constructing and operating 1,000 linear feet of gravity sanitary sewer and 1,750 linear feet of force main as well as a pump station.
- **Applicant:** Castle Gate Estates at Watchung
- **Loc:** 29 Debois Road, Block 79, Lot 6.01

**From:** PS&S

**To:** WEC

- The applicant is applying for Treatment Works Approval for upgrades to the existing WTSA's Fox Hill Drive West Pump Station.
- **Applicant:** Warren Township Sewerage Authority
- **Loc:** Contract 54 – Fox Hill Drive West Pump Station Upgrade

**I. Minutes from other boards or commissions:**

Township of Long Hill Environmental Commission regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2014 and April 21, 2014.

**II. Other Correspondence:**

The WEC received correspondence from the Township of Warren with Ordinance No. 14-06. The Commissioners would like to seek clarification on this tree ordinance. They also received correspondence from the Somerset County Planning Board regarding updated county master plan elements.

### **Discussion:**

The WEC discussed the update on the municipal building and information on environmental features. They also discussed the ERI, and an important link to use for information. It is <http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/planweb/index.htm>.

Laura Mandell also reviewed the Green Practices Checklist, which requires more information for developers. She will forward the document to the WEC. West Windsor made some changes. It was very successful there and very creative for developers. It is positive and encourages upscale development, such as vestibules (to circulate air) and situating stairways to make it easier for people to use an elevator. Laura Mandell **made a Motion that:**

**The Warren Environmental Commission requests that Warren Township approve/adopt and move forward with the Green Practices Checklist.**

**The Motion was approved.**

They also discussed the Queen of the Sun, a movie shown by the Watchung Environmental Commission. Laura Mandell will send information about the next Green Team meeting on June 24, 2014 at Wagner Farm.

*Old Business:*

None at this meeting.

*New Business:*

None at this meeting.

*Maps:*

Case #PB-14-04

**Jonathan Eng  
Block 201, Lot 2  
72 Mountain Avenue  
Minor/Subdivision  
Public  
Meeting date: TBD  
Due date: June 2, 2014**

The Warren Environmental Commission discussed this at June 17, 2014 meeting. The Commissioners requested leaving more natural vegetation. There should be a mix of plantings.

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Deciduous plants survive snow storms better. There should be an Environmental Assessment Report.

**Case #PB-14-03**

**Block 84, Lots 1&3**

**6 Cory's Brook**

**Minor/Subdivision**

**Public**

**Meeting date: April 28, 2014**

**Due date: April 11, 2014**

The Warren Environmental Commission discussed this at June 17, 2014 meeting. There was no discussion on the slopes or vegetation. There should be an Environmental Assessment Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina De la Cruz, Secretary

**"Conservation is Harmony between man & land"**