

**Greenwich Township Environmental Commission**  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
321 Greenwich Street  
Stewartsville, New Jersey 08886

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**Meeting Date: March 18, 2003**

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**Opening:**

**Call to Order:** The monthly meeting of the Greenwich township Environmental Commission (EC) was held on the above date, and was called to order by Barry Glassman, Chairman, at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building.

Commission members present: Barry Glassman, Debra Scarbrough, Mike Black, Teresa Eisenberg, and Meyra Davison.

Commission members absent: Wentsai Wang and Helio Carvalho

Others in attendance: Eric Watson of AmeriCorps, NJ Watershed Ambassador for the Upper Delaware Watershed  
Frank Marchetta - Township Committee Liaison

**Meeting Minutes Approval:**

Approval of the Minutes from January 21, 2003, were approved. Motion made by Barry Glassman, and second by Teresa Eisenberg.

**Correspondences:**

Recycling Brochures for Kids - consider purchasing 100 for Community Day in Sept 2003.

Auto Spa - at Rte(s) 78 and 22 - permits have been approved, and EC received a curtesy copy of the plans.

E-Mail - Barry will inquire as to what has happened to the underground gas station tanks at the site of the proposed Auto Spa.

Upper Delaware Watershed - EC received GIS package from this agency. Aim is to protect the higher elevation groundwater recharge and healthy riparian areas.

**ERI Progress Report:**

Debra Scarbrough reported that the EC is in compliance with the progress report. project plan was submitted.

Mike Black, Debra Scarbrough, and Meyra Davison are to meet to compile rough draft.

**Junior Environmental Program and ESP Grant Application:**

Junior Environmental Commission - Frank Marchetta advised that a Power Point brochure was sent w/ a deadline for responding. Need to agree to a new deadline.

Need to review what type of budget will be available to the JEP, and/or how would the EC pay to have teachers run the project.

Barry Glassman is to ask Wentsai Wang about the grant application, issue is to be kept on the agenda for the next meeting.

**SWAC (Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council) report:**

Barry Glassman attended on behalf of the EC. He advised the EC that:

1. White Twp's landfill will reach capacity at the end of 2003 even though it is slated to reach capacity in 2015.  
Landfill is seeking to expand - there is a lot of opposition from White Twp, the school nurse and residents. They are depending on terms set forth in the zoning ordinance as being prohibitive to such an expansion.
2. White Twp is proposing that a system be implemented to move the odor out of the area due to possible health risks to children and the elderly.  
Landfill operators are being told to come up with a plan to cap and export the waste without any increase in taxes.

**Report from Greenwich Planning Board:**

January: Larkin Assoc plans to build a two(2) story office building at the corner of Greenwich St and Rte 22. There is opposition to it only b/c the plan proposes to have the entrance open onto Greenwich Street which would be dangerous b/c of the new traffic flow. They have been advised to consider an entrance running into the Shop Rite parking lot w/ sewer hook-up to that of Toll Brothers.

February: Meeting canceled.

- March:
1. Greenwich Presbyterian Church obtained permits w/ right of way for future passage for recreation purposes (they donated 50 ft of property to Greenwich Township).
  2. Warren County is to begin mosquito control specifically to the man made drainage-ways.
  3. Milstien Developers are proposing to build a senior housing project behind Target and the elementary school's fields.
  4. Mayor Greg Blaska has asked for a sub-committee to be developed for the Coalition of Affordable Housing issues b/c although the Twp is currently in compliance, there will probably other issues arising in the future. The sub-committee has been formed.

### New Business/Other Topics:

1. Arbor Day (4-26-03)- Barry Glassman inquired as to coordinating with the schools to plant trees on their properties. Offer was refused b/c Dr. Brennan advised that there already was a plan in place.
2. April 26 - Pohatcong Watershed Commission has a trash/litter clean-up day on Ravine Road of of 173. Gloves will be provided. Proposed organizing snacks for volunteers.
3. Plan Arbor Day event for next year - propose open space purchase on the end of Dori Place as park.
4. Well water contamination: Pace Setters - testing of specific wells have begun, and it is believed that the contaminate has migrated from Washington Twp.
5. WEIGH STATION: - Barry Glassman and Mike Black are to attend a meeting regarding protecting the Musconetcong River. B. Glassmand and Jim Adams are meeting w/ the Highlands Coalition to ask them to pass a resolution against the Weigh Station.

#### Petition to include:

- Waste of tax money: both state and federal
- DOT Standards - prohibit operation of station during peak travel hours for safety reason
- Benefits to Greenwich Twp - none b/c no revenues will be raised from summons issued by the police (jurisdiction of station is in the Township's). Only revenue for the Twp is from the court costs which will not cover the expense of processing the cases
- Drainage of waste such as normal water run-off from tires and oil will go into the Musconetcong River
- Containment Area - only 100% protection if the valved is closed (?)
- Light pollution
- No environmental impact study was done b/c DOT categorized the area as a low Impact Zone
- Red Zone - designated a no growth area
- Scenic Area - Highland's Scenic View

B. Glassman is to issue a press-release regarding Greenwich Twp requesting the Highland's Coalition to pass a resolution against the Weigh Station.

M. Davison is to call Shop rite Manager to ask for a table to get petition signatures on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Monday - March 24<sup>th</sup> NO-MAWS Coalition meeting at 7:00 P.M.

**Closing:**

Motion made by Barry Glassman and second by Mike Black to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, and the motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Meyra Davison  
Environmental Commission Secretary

Barry Glassman  
Chairman