

**Environmental Commission  
Washington Township (Morris Cty), New Jersey  
Minutes of February 6, 2006**

Prepared by: Frank Ferraro

I. Attendance:

Present: Mark Napolitano, Anthony LaVista, Merv Haines, Bob Balsamo, Frank Ferraro  
Ken Short – Township Committee Member Liaison to the WTEC

II. Minutes of 1/09/06 were approved.

III. Vernal Pool Project Update

1. 3/24/06 date established to revisit sites to verify Vernal Pool Criteria
2. Gather and assemble Photographs to date
3. Review additional potential vernal pool sites outlined by Ken Short

IV. The Environmental Commission Website

Review native species to Long Valley for endangered species list

V. WTEC 2006 Budget Review

Budget was presented by Mark Napolitano to the Township Committee on February 1, 2006. The budget request was for Community Education \$275, Membership dues ANJEC/SBWC/MWA totaling \$510, and Surface water Testing at \$1800, thus a total budget request by WTEC of \$2585. Final Budget Approval will come in May 2006; we should receive a preliminary approval in March 2006. Community Education Pamphlets and Easement Signs, two options were going to be further reviewed. The ANJEC dues were approved; the SBWA and MWA dues are in the budget data still under review. The surface water testing is in the budget under review, as a note there is no matching state funding for water testing program. Copy of the WTEC Budget request is available.

VI. Township Committee Communications

WTEC would like to establish a quarterly meeting with the Township Committee to discuss specific issues and actions of the WTEC.

VII. By Laws

Frank Ferraro distributed the outline for the By-Laws, it was agreed that the outline would be reviewed and then evaluated at the next meeting.

VIII. Stream Water Quality Testing

Date for Stream testing set for June 13, 2006

IX. Environmental commission reviews

1. Frog Hollow Road Investigation- Mark followed up, visited site identified as Block 58 lot 17 a 4-acre parcel, soil had been placed at the site. Township engineer sent letter to owner notifying them of their need to file for a soil disturbance permit.
2. 30 East Valley Brook Road – Is a soil export project with the permitting no further action by WTEC required

X. General Discussions

Ken Short, the Washington Township Committee Liaison to the Environmental Commission updated the members as to various projects, grants and coordination efforts occurring in the Township.

XI. Meeting was adjourned

Next meeting of March 6,2006 would be chaired by Merv Haines