

**Notice of Regular Meeting
Environmental Quality Commission
December 2, 2014
Newington Town Hall
Conference Room #1
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- 1) Call to order at 7:10PM
- 2) Roll call was taken, present were Mike Camillo, Pam Foster, Michael Fox, Ed Horan, Dan Interlandi, Stein Ramstad and Jay Slater. There were no members absent. A quorum was established.
- 3) The Chairman asked for a motion to suspend the reading of last month's meeting, since there was no quorum. Motion was made by Commissioner Horan and seconded by Commissioner Slater. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Chairman Fox noted that we not only had to elect a new vice-chairman to replace Paul Plavcan, who resigned, but we need to elect a new chair and secretary.
- 5) Public Participation
None.
- 6) Landfill report (Rob Hillman)
In the absence of Rob Hillman, Deputy Superintendent of the Highway Department, Chairman Fox reported that there was no movement towards officially re-designating our landfill as a transfer station
- 7) New Business
Elections:
Commissioner Fox was nominated for the position of Chairman by Commissioner Slater and seconded by Commissioner Horan. Commissioner Fox was elected unanimously.
Commissioner Horan was nominated for the position of Vice Chairman by Commissioner Fox and seconded by Commissioner Slater. Commissioner Horan was elected unanimously.
There were no nominations for position of Secretary.

Alternative Energy:

It was determined that Commissioner Ramstad and Commissioner Slater would do research on different types of alternative energy and report to the Commission. Town Manager's office would be consulted to find out what the town is actually doing about alternative energy solutions. Solar Panels, Geo Thermal were just two suggestions for the subcommittee to research.

School Program:

Commissioners Horan and Interlandi will be the subcommittee that will contact elementary school principals and discuss with them current environmental programs, to include Earth Day, and to coordinate with the schools to implement any Commission programs. Middle School and High School principals would be contacted by the Chairman and asked to assign one student liaison from each of the middle schools and two from the high school.

Appointments:

Commissioner Slater was nominated to be the Commission's representative to the Balf Town Committee. Commissioner Interlandi was nominated to be the Commission's representative to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Both nominations were approved unanimously. Meeting schedules for these committees will be distributed to the new representatives

Letter from Capalbo Brothers re Balf:

A letter from Frank Capalbo, an owner of C & C Automotive on Hartford Avenue, complaining of the dust emanating from the Balf plant was read by Commissioner Fox. A copy of the letter was given to Commissioner Slater, who will speak with Mr. Capalbo and try to correct the situation. A copy of the letter is attached.

8) Old Business

Clean up Report:

Commissioner Horan gave a report on the Fall Litter Pick Up conducted by the Commission and the Conservation Commission. It was noted that 45 people participated and a large volume of trash and litter was picked up, especially at Mill Pond Park and on town owned property on Cedar Mountain, where

abandoned camp sites and an old refrigerator was found. Commissioner Horan noted that the plastic gloves provided were not sufficient, and that we should supply work gloves in the future. The Town Manager will be contacted regarding budgeting some funds for The Commission.

9) Any other business that may come before the commission:

It was suggested by The Chairman that, since we have difficulties maintaining a quorum, according to Robert's Rules of Order, we construct a set of by-laws stating, among other things, that a quorum would consist of one (1) officer and three (3) members, The Town Attorney will be contacted and asked to assist us. Commissioner Slater asked that a list of contact information for all members and liaisons be distributed. The Chairman will make sure that this is done.

10) Public Participation;

None

11) Remarks by Commissioners:

None

12) Meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Fox, Chair