

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
WARREN COUNTY  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES: April 10, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE was given through publication in the **Star Gazette** and **Express Times**. Notice was also posted on the municipal bulletin board in the Township Administration Building in Washington Township, New Jersey, and notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance: Cheryl Burket, Ron Greenwald, Lydia Schmidt, Al Ivany, Charlie Shields, Marilyn Sendell

In attendance representing the Township Committee: Bob Finke

MINUTES

The minutes from March 2012 were approved with one minor change.

NEW BUSINESS

Highlands Plan Conformance / Environmental Resource Inventory

Discussion was held regarding the Environmental Commission's role in reviewing the Highlands Council ERI and compliance for Washington Township. The Township has now gone to bid to have outside professionals update the document instead of using Township professionals (who had started the review process.) It was suggested all members of the Environmental Commission continue to review the proposed ERI and be ready to comment when appropriate. The Chairman will also attend the next Township Committee meeting to request the Committee ensure the Environmental Commission is included in the process. The Commission will also check with the Highlands Council to see where the process stands.

Shabbecong Mountain Nature Preserve

The Environmental Commission has previously passed a resolution of support for this project and requests the Township Committee do the same. The Chairman will attend the next Township Committee meeting and request they pass a resolution and support this project. Discussion was also held regarding the possibility of Washington Township financially supporting the project through its Open Space Trust

Fund as, even though the land is within Washington Borough, it directly benefits the residents of Washington Township.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Lydia Schmidt gave an update regarding the litter and open burning situation at the existing Washington Cemetery.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:10 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron Greenwald and seconded by Marilyn Sendell. All were in favor.