

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
WARREN COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES: March 13, 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: 7:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance: Cheryl Burket, Ron Greenwald, Lydia Schmidt, Al Ivany
Absent: Charlie Shields, Marilyn Sendell
In attendance representing the Township Committee: Bob Finke

MINUTES

The minutes from January 2012 were approved. No meeting was held in February.

NEW BUSINESS

Lydia Schmidt was appointed by the Township Committee to fill the seat vacated by Benjamin Young, and was welcomed to the Environmental Commission by all in attendance.

Ron Greenwald made a motion for Cheryl Burket to become the Recording Secretary for the Environmental Commission. Lydia Schmidt seconded. All were in favor.

A resolution supporting the creation of a Shabbecong Mountain Preserve by a local citizen's organization was finalized and approved by Commission members. This preserve (known locally as the Baker Tract) would protect a high quality habitat critical to the protection of the Shabbecong and Pohatcong Creeks in Washington Borough, and lies nearly adjacent to the Morel and Segal property previously preserved by Washington Township. The motion to support the resolution was made by Cheryl Burket and seconded by Lydia Schmidt. All were in favor. The Chairmen signed the resolution and Secretary Burket will forward.

Discussion was held regarding the issue of sinkholes at the new Shop Rite along Route 31 and implications this may have for development along the highway corridor. The Commission will monitor this issue and increase involvement if necessary

OLD BUSINESS

The Washington Cemetery Association has withdrawn its application for expansion of the Washington Cemetery. The Commission will continue to monitor this situation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:43 p.m.

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