



**Eatontown Environmental Commission**  
**Borough Hall, 47 Broad Street**  
**September 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

**1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07PM.

**2) SUNSHINE STMT:** This meeting is being held via ZOOM in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act. The Zoom link was posted on the Borough web site: [www.eatontownnj.com](http://www.eatontownnj.com) and the Borough's Facebook page.

**3) ROLL CALL**

MEMBER	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bagwell, Laura	X	X	<i>C</i>	<i>N</i>	X	X	X	X	X			
Batinsey, John	E	E	<i>A</i>	<i>O</i>	E	E	E	E	E			
Dlugosz, Ed	X	X	<i>N</i>		X	X	X	X	X			
Fratini, Steve	X	X	<i>C</i>	<i>Q</i>	X	X	X	X	X			
Kretsch, Ken	X	7: 47- 8:10	<i>E</i>	<i>U</i>	X			X	X			
Regan, Mark (Council)	X	X	<i>L</i>	<i>O</i>	X	X	X	X	X			
Woloshin, Mark (PB)		X	<i>E</i>	<i>R</i>								
Greene, Roger (Assoc)			<i>D</i>	<i>U</i>								
Jacobs, Matt (Assoc.)				<i>M</i>								

**GUESTS:** Scott Sharp, Trustee, Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association;  
Faith Teitelbaum, Director, Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association;  
Wanna Chen

**4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ken moved to approve the August 20th minutes. Steve seconded. Approved unanimously.

**5) OPEN ITEMS:**

Issue	Discussion	Action
<b>STORMWATER ORDINANCE</b>	Scott Sharp presented about the DEP's new mandated Stormwater Ordinance. As average NJ precipitation has increased, NJ has more flooding. It has become a major issue. In addition, increased building has created more surfaces that are impervious to stormwater absorption. This has prompted the DEP to look at how to deal with the ever increasing floodwaters. It applies to 1 acre major development or over ¼ acre of increased impervious surface added. Towns can go beyond and strengthen the ordinance, to trigger the ordinance on smaller developments. Faith reported Long Branch's Mayor is interested in having a meeting on the ordinance. Steve asked about retrofitting rain gardens on existing sites to mitigate flooding. Scott mentioned working with Rutgers in the creation of	Mark R. will reach out to Councilman Olsavsky, liaison to the Economic Development Committee to get names of businesses along Industrial Way.

	<p>two rain gardens and are working on a bioswale, too.</p> <p>Maybe Rutgers can take a look at businesses along Industrial Way, to get a survey done to see if there are some good locations for green infrastructure. Scott can work on what a rain garden might cost in terms of the construction, to encourage rain gardens to be constructed by businesses.</p> <p>Faith mentioned there is a possibility to create a <b>stormwater utility</b>, which would encourage residents and businesses to create rain gardens and other green infrastructure to reduce costs.</p> <p>Faith reported that there will be another webinar on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for City officials, DPW, to learn about this matter. Dr. Obropta will be one of the speakers.</p> <p>If a town does not pass the ordinance, their MS4 permit will not be approved.</p> <p>Timeline: the ordinance should be passed by Council and submitted to the County by January. The entire process has to be completed by March 2021.</p>	
<b>PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS</b>	At the last meeting, there was discussion that the deadline to submit comments for the proposed storage facility on Route 35 had passed. Ken reviewed the plans and submitted comments on the plans to Ed in case we wanted to submit them to the Planning Board anyway. Ed reported that the plans for the storage facility project have been delayed, so the EC will have time to submit official comments.	
<b>NATIVE PLANT ORDINANCE</b>	Laura reported that she forwarded the draft ordinance to Shade Tree committee for comments.	
<b>INVASIVE SPECIES STRIKE FORCE</b>	Laura reported the training was approved finally on Tuesday with the help of Councilwoman Escalante. Ann Sherwood thought there was not enough time to promote the event for 10/10, so it was rescheduled to Saturday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup> . Ed reported this should be fine and with no fee from the Community Center, which needs 3 months notice.	Laura will follow up in reserving the community center.
<b>POLLINATOR GARDEN</b>	Laura reported that this is moving along and the garden continues to be planted.	
<b>DISC GOLF PLAN</b>	Ed asked Mark R. if he got us a copy of the disc golf map. Mark R. will be meeting with the administrator tomorrow to see about the map.	Mark R. to follow up.
<b>REDUCING POLLUTION / RECYCLING CONTRACT:</b>		<b>TABLED</b>

PARKS	Ken mentioned that at Husky Brook, the trees are getting damaged when the grass is weed whacked near the trees.	Ed will follow up with Keith Ferrugia to discuss the trees at Husky Brook.
CLEAN UP	Ed stated that if there is interest, maybe we can have a clean up at the Arboretum. This is a good idea; more information to follow.	Ed to follow up on details about a clean up.
FMERA	<p>Ed reported there was a remote FMERA Environmental (Staff) Advisory Committee ("ESAC) meeting last Monday, 9/14/2020.</p> <p>FMERA again reported for the 15th straight year that the plans for the capping of the 9 dumps/"landfills" with two feet of topsoil/fill. However, they plan to clear cut what has grown there for the last 30 years, which is unfortunate. The clear cutting will affect the residents along Rose Lane, and that visibility buffer will be removed along the right of way on the Fort and Rose Lane.</p> <p>The real issue is not the loss of the tree buffer but the underlying, unconstructed dumps/"landfills" that those trees and others have hidden starting in 1947. The last of the "landfills" were supposedly closed in the 1980's. Only a few of the residents are aware of these facts, despite bringing updates and briefings to the Council and Administration's attention for the past 15 years. The "landfills" still has hotspots of contamination and the GroundWater Classification Exception Area (CEA) designation for groundwater means that it will continue to be an issue for the ground and surface water of Wampum Brook. All other "landfills" have a similar CEA designation.</p> <p>The dry cleaning facility on the site has contamination in the ground of vinyl chloride, TCE, PCE, DCE, Vinyl Chloride, and others where 1ppb is NJDEP's criteria, i.e., "acceptable" level of contamination for residential/non-residential properties but in this case and others there are levels of are levels in this former dry cleaning property of up to hundreds/thousand of PPB. The Army wants to let it seep into the environment without any remediation. This is what they call natural attenuation.</p> <p>The fort's water and sewer systems are being replaced, which is good, but the legacy systems were rife with leaks and in the case of the "un-named stream" of the huge wetlands still active on the Suneagles golf course, the exfiltration of the sewage treatment through the broken pipes made their way into both the drinking water system as well as into Wampum Brook and Lake. (see briefing). The recent new development of multi-family condominiums and 5-story affordable housing tower will have newly expanded retention basins on the grounds. (Pasted into minutes directly from Ed's email report rec'd 11/18/20).</p>	

**6) SITE PLAN REVIEW: NONE**

**7) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**8) ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM.

**9) NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 7:00PM via ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,

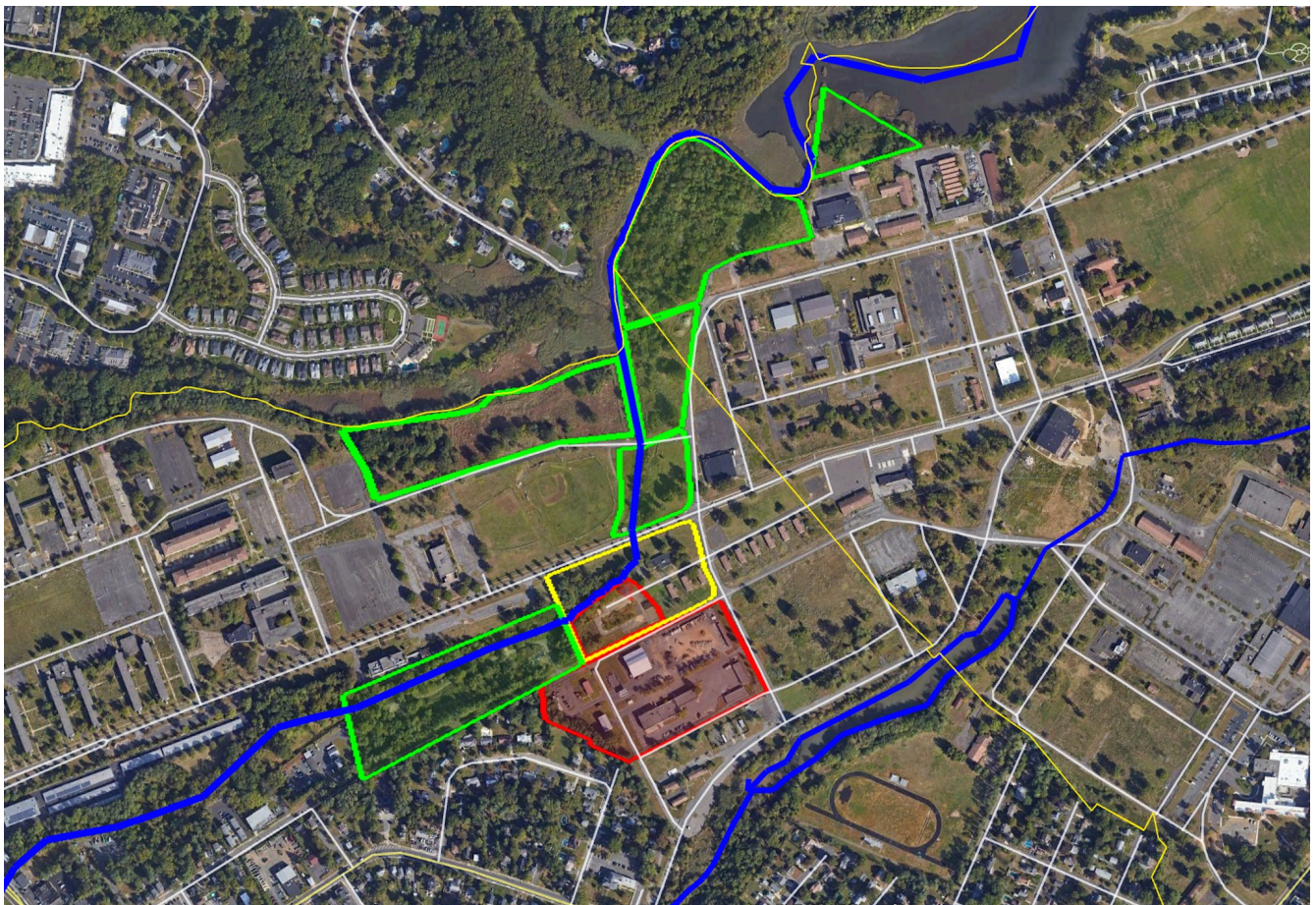
Laura Bagwell  
Eatontown Environmental Commission

Attachment: Email to Mayor about Eatontown landfill

Attachment: Scott Sharp's presentation about the new Stormwater ordinance

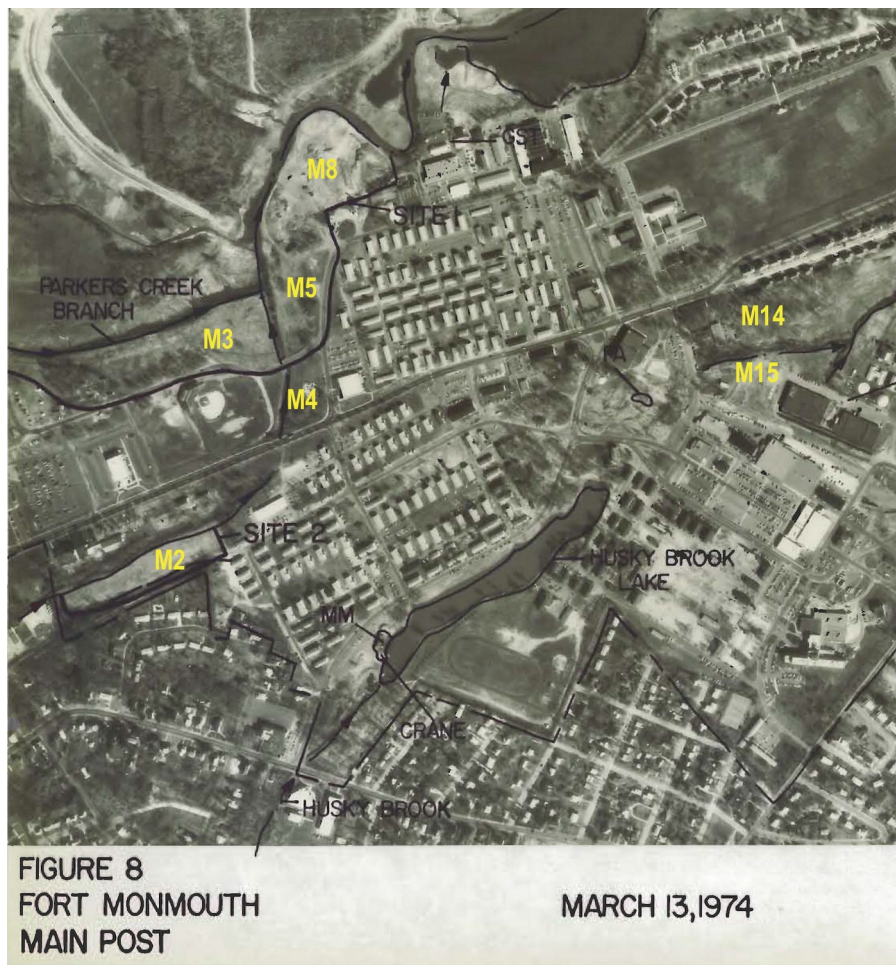
Map #1:

Eatontown Landfills M2, M3, M4, M5. The others, including close by M8 are Oceanport but on streams that run through Eatontown first. Same perspective in 1974 and today's color photos. As you see B&W show bare ground for most part and color shows current vegetation.





Map #2:



### Maps #3 & #4:

