

Alloway Township Environmental Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 12, 2012

Attendees: Frank Ponti, Marilyn Patterson, and Anne Sullivan

Absent: Chris Gilbert, Craig Kane, Joe-Ingerson Mahar, and Brynn Reilley

Minutes of previous meeting were approved as read.

Due to the absence of Chairman Ingerson-Mahar and Vice Chairman Gilbert; secretary, Marilyn Patterson chaired the meeting.

Marilyn gave a report of the ANJEC sponsored meeting she attended in Woodstown on Oct. 1st. Atlantic City Electric, Conserve Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife, and NJ Audubon each described what they were doing to protect wildlife and waterways, and to preserve environmentally important land. By working together these organizations have been able to ensure that sensitive environmental resources are protected.

We discussed what we need to do to prepare to host the ANJEC Meeting on October 29th.

We had a lengthy discussion triggered by the Salem Sunbeam article concerning the Cobb's Mill Dam. The Township and County have been ordered by the courts to split the cost of having an estimate of cost for decommissioning the dam prepared. In the same article Mayor Fedora and County Commissioner Mr. Laury both said that they wanted to keep the lake rather than breach the dam. We discussed what we thought the environmental impact of breaching versus rebuilding the dam would be. We voted to write to the Township Committee offering our assistance in reviewing the documentation. (Joe joined this discussion by telephone.) Marilyn will draft a letter for the commission's review.

Meeting was adjourned.