

Environmental Committee Meeting 12MAY09:

Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Called to order at 4:00pm. Committee Member Attendance, Laurie Cannon (Chair), Ben Forest, Bill Simmons; FMERPA staff members Frank Cosentino and Diane Canterbury; NJDEP Representative, Larry Quinn; Garrison Representatives Wanda Green and Joe Fallon; Public attendees, Greg Pollack and Tom Mahedy

The Environmental Advisory Committee ("EAC") reviewed the 07Apr09 minutes. Discussion took place on how future minutes of the EAC will be taken/produced. Options included members be assigned on a rotational basis, writing key topics and their outcomes on the whiteboard, and recording. Further discussion will continue at the next EAC.

From the 07Apr09 EAC meeting report from Ben Forest on Landfills; a brief discussion continued addressing the capping, tree removal, and NJDEP position. Landfill assessments have the same approach although; testing may differ based on landfill and its terrain. Garrison personnel noted the value of meadows; trees will have to be removed for capping. The intent is to save as many trees as possible which would most likely be the older trees. FMERPA requested to be involved throughout this process. The capping of landfills will be handled in accordance to requirements and procedures of the NJDEP.

Ed Dlugosz (Eatontown rep) was to report on Stream Banks and Eatontown Environmental Concerns. He was not able to attend the meeting due to work related travel. The EAC Chair was not notified of this in advance. Garrison personnel shared that the Army received all required permits for stream bank stabilization. On 13May09, they planned a pre-construction meeting with their contractor being that work is intended to start on or about 01Jun09.

Merwin Kinkade (Tinton Falls rep) was to report on Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) and Tinton Falls Environmental Concerns. He was not able to attend the meeting. Neither the EAC Chair or FMERPA staff were notified in advance of the meeting. Garrison personnel provided the 2009 UST Removal Schedule which is subject to change, pending weather and work load of TVS personnel. Garrison personnel also informed the attendees that the majority of the USTs were now to be referred to as Unregulated Heating Oil Tanks (UHOTs) based on their purpose and original contents. The UHOTs were at Parcels 14, 51, 76, 79, and 25 and there were three (3) Decommissioned Steel UHOTs.

Frank Barricelli (Oceanport rep) was to report on Oceanport Environmental Concerns. He will be reporting on Monitoring Wells at the JUN09 EAC. He was not in attendance and did not notify the Chair or FMERPA staff in advance of the meeting.

There was a discussion on the Environmental Assessment that was delivered and posted for review/public comment. The suspense date was 27May09 for providing comments to the Public Affairs office of the Garrison.

Public Remarks:

Greg Pollack questioned the UST/UHOTs terminology. Garrison responded that the Phase II Geological Survey brought this to their attention. He also stated the possible reason that the Environmental Assessment report believes that there is no need for an Environmental Impact Statement is because so much work is taken place already that there was possibly no need to add additional layers. In reference to Landfills Greg believed that a maintenance plan may be a viable tool and that one consistent NJDEP rep should be monitoring the capping. NJDEP stated that he will make a note of one guy "CAP COP" to do the landfill inspections.

Tom Mahedy stated that he was opposed to the format of minutes. He also queried the Environmental Assessment comment process where he claims it is closing out public participation because of the requirement wherein comments were to be mailed rather than having the option to email to the Garrison's Public Affairs office. Tom questioned the Native American Artifact studies

and what this meant to the current plan. Tom was informed by FMERPA staff that the Historical Advisory Committee is addressing the topic. Tom opposed the permit that was provided to the Garrison for stream bank stabilization. Garrison personnel reiterated that the permit has already been approved.

The next EAC meeting is scheduled for 16Jun09 at 4:00 pm at the FMERPA office.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm