

Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Meeting – September 15, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

In attendance: Ben Forest, Acting Chair; Frank Barricelli, EAC Member; Jonathan Cohen, EAC Member; Wanda Green, U.S. Army Garrison; Elyn Kahle, Borough of Oceanport; John Schiels, Eatontown Council; Frank Cosentino, FMERPA Staff; Diane Canterbury, FMERPA Staff; Tom Mahedy, Public Attendee; Heather Saffert, Clean Ocean Action; Greg Pollack, Public Attendee

- D. Canterbury noted that Larry Quinn from NJDEP and EAC Member Rosemarie Estephan notified in advance of their not attending.
- ED Cosentino discussed L. Cannon's resignation.
- Ben Forest was volunteered by EAC members to chair meeting.
- D. Canterbury and ED Cosentino took the meeting minutes that will focus only on points notes, agreements made and action items (AIs). All can contribute and forward to FMERPA for input.
- T. Mahedy questioned the availability of Environmental Assessment comments via Public Affairs at Fort Monmouth. Wanda Green will be providing those comments to FMERPA and State (NJDEP) – date unknown.
- John Schiels stated his concern reference air pollution permit #2092719 ; it is a five year permit going to 2014. Are all permitted equipment to be transferred to single municipality(s). If not, what's the process? Examples were provided by J. Schiels: How does it transfer and how to get permit renewed, structure of permit during conveyance and transfer of property. Cost is concern. Has FMERPA raised basis of how to deal with this? Annual compliance due (e.g. early emissions test).
- J. Schiels stated his concerns based on Bldg. 1207 NOI via Eatontown.
- ED Cosentino - Elements of environmental concerns presented are on table. Implementation Authority to work and recognize all these areas. Mayors and designees on Board will be involved and open to public record. All involved entities will collaborate toward the desired end result.
- J. Schiels is not expecting, just raising the topic for discussion and awareness. He found the Air Pollution permit on the Internet. Did Fort Monmouth notify FMERPA of air quality permit?
- J. Schiels stated Eatontown is concerned that not enough detail is in NOIs.
- B. Forest asked if the concern about Eatontown is that it would be vulnerable to incurring costs? D. Canterbury stated that this would be across the board for all host communities.
- ED Cosentino – Minutes of Eatontown 05 August 09 meeting “land designated as green areas...” not a correct statement. Remediation for Army land/property is based on current (August 2005) use.
- J. Schiels stated that BRAC law requires remediation to final use. ED Cosentino stated the law states “remediation to its current use” . Clarification of BRAC law needs to be provided to J. Schiels and keep the “who is picking up the cost?” on the table.
- ED Cosentino – Landfill remediation has not been determined.
- Jon Cohen noted that the Tinton Falls concerns remain for the UST's and Myer Center.
- Frank Barricelli – Summer hiatus – pending joint meeting
Property will not be conveyed and remediated on 15 Sept. 2011.
Early disposition

EA Discussions

- Heather Saffert discussed COA's position and hopes EIS goes forward. Gave details on COA's comments, some examples are:
 - Landfills/capping action is unknown, as well as description
 - Does not include Phase II Report
 - BEE recommended, not completed
- J. Schiels stated that threat to human safety/contact was discussed last month and that NJDEP mentioned measures to restrict physical access would be in place (e.g. fence), should there be a need.
- ED Cosentino provided response to Birdsall letter via 03 September 09, FMERPA letter to NJDEP and NJDEP 10 Sep. 09 response. FCC read and gave synopsis and noted that he sent copies to Eatontown. He also noted that we (FMERPA) require answers to these concerns and will continue to pursue.
- J. Schiels stated the he would like complete answers via NJDEP on those concerns as does FMERPA. He mentioned the terminology difference of Landfill vs. Streambank Stabilization in the Princeton Hydro Presentation during a RAB meeting. The term that is currently being used is "streambank stabilization." Why did Princeton Hydro present landfill stabilization?

Public Comments

- T. Mahedy stated it was troubling that NJDEP and Joe Fallon were not in attendance and asked FMERPA to have alternate.
- W. Green informed all that she is the Fort Monmouth representative.
- T Mahedy questioned if the EA response would be provided in writing.
- W. Green informed the attendees that the Attorney stated that Fort Monmouth will give those comments to the State (NJDEP) and FMERPA.
- T. Mahedy asked if a copy could be obtained. ED Cosentino replied that the statements will be made public once received.

- T. Mahedy also mentioned the following topics:
 - EIS – US Army dragging heels.
 - Landfill – fencing
 - DEP FMERPA Meeting, Section 106
 - Contacted both W. Green and Public Affairs.
 - Native American sites along streams. Move the line because they're building a hotel
 - EPA vs. NJDEP
- FCC - NJDEP has the most stringent environmental guidelines in the U.S..
- ED Cosentino and D. Canterbury noted that the Historical Advisory Committee (HAC) would be the committee to address Native American concerns, and FMERPA staff at the EAC will inform those on the HAC of those concerns. However, a process is in place on the FMERPA website to get answers to questions and/or concerns and Tom can also call the members directly.
- Acting Chair (Ben Forest) stated that he was honored to serve.
- H. Saffert stated that a concern of why COA issues were not addressed in NJDEP response to the Army.
- Next EAC meeting is scheduled for 06NOV09 at 4:00 p.m. at the FMERPA office.