

**Minutes**  
**September 15, 2016**  
**Mendham Borough Environmental Commission**

*This meeting held on September 15, 2016 at 8:00pm, Phoenix House, is in accordance to the bylaws of Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions. This meeting was advertised in the Observer-Tribune and Daily Record.*

**Roll Call:** Peter Barry - P  
Paul Cascais -A  
John Dannenbaum - P  
Laurie Felber –P  
Cecilia Horne -P  
Catherine Maresca -P  
Marian Mundy- Hooper –P  
Adam Slutsky – A

**Minutes not approved**

**Guest:** Ken O'Brien, Superintendent of Department of Public Works

**Discussion:** Ken O'Brien

- Last bike rack still needs to be placed working with Van Dessel Bicycle store.
- Mudhole (Mountain View Pond) – dam not in good shape.
  - Contracted engineer to redesign for bigger storm
  - Paul Ferrerio, sent plans in to state, keeping everything the same, except for the diverter
  - Separate permit for dredging
  - One contractor needed to move fish, check for disease
  - Soil will be tested
  - Lots of leaves coming into pond
  - Under foot bridge place metal box, will not work for collection of leaves
  - Push mud on to parking lot, tarped for 30 days
  - Once cleared can use it in India Brook as land fill cover
  - OR – let mudhole fill in so borough will not have to pay since it will be in filling any way within 20 years.

Peter commented on measuring copper out of treatment plants, is there a remedy? Still needs to be researched

Ken:

- E-recycling – working with Chris Regan. Things have changed dramatically over the last 2 years. Per ANJEC, state level 5 yrs. behind. Foreign entities are taking no more electronics.
- Computers are using less precious metals, most go into landfills, not money, people are paying to get rid of it.
- \$80.00 a ton to Staten Island, repackaging – no need any more
- Municipality will pay for TV's collected by Chris Regan
- Westfield and use of pesticide

Laurie commented to grow grasses to help with the absorption and filtration of the pesticide. Possibility of creating a transition zone.

John commented on gravel run off from Prentiss Lane

Ken does not like to pave Prentiss because it creates the inroads of urbanization.

Peter reporting on Open Space: Tranquility Park no change

Discussion of reworking the Master plan, it needs to be reevaluated. Public hearing on Oct. 11. High density housing and low income housing numbers still an issue. Relying on development of Tree Farm for numbers

**Adjourned: 8:50** by Cecilia and Peter

**Approved by:** Catherine and Peter