This meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with the statement that this meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Public Law 1975, CH 231, Sections 4 and 13 as advertised by annual notice. Those present participated in the salute to the flag. Chairman for this meeting: Mr. Ranieri

Salute to the Flag

Welcome: The Commission members welcomed Mr. Christopher Boyle as the new Land Use Board Liaison to the Environmental Commission.

Members Present: Boyle, Jennings, Kern (arrived at 7:37), Ranieri, Stark, Vetter

Members Absent: Lawson

MINUTES: The minutes of August 7, 2017 on motion by Mr. Stark, seconded by Mr. Jennings, and unanimously carried by voice vote were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: As shown on the attached agenda.

REPORTS

Planning Board - No Report

Sussex County Water Quality Board – No Report

Open Space – No Report.

Green Team – No report.

OLD BUSINESS – No Discussion

NEW BUSINESS –

Bog Turtle Seminar Report – Ms. Vetter attended a bog turtle seminar in Stillwater. Ms. Vetter reported funding is available for areas with bog turtle habitats when an agreement is made not to develop the property. Ms. Vetter stated the seminar was very informative. This area of New Jersey is known for having bog turtles, though it is rare to actually spot them. Discussion took place regarding areas in Fredon Township which may contain the bog turtles.

Chairperson Recommendation – On nomination by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Stark, and unanimously carried by voice vote, Maggie Vetter was chosen as the Environmental Commissions recommendation for Chairperson for 2018. The recommendation will be forwarded to the Township Clerk for consideration by the Township Committee.

PUBLIC INPUT – None.

ADJOURMENT - With no further business to come before the Commission, Dr. Kern motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. Mr. Stark seconded. All in Favor. So Moved.
Respectfully submitted,

Linda Chirip
Secretary to the Environmental Commission