

Keyport Environmental Commission Minutes for Sept 26, 2022

– Conducted in Keyport’s Borough Hall

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:04pm by **Chairperson Ken DeGroat**.

Sunshine Law was Read

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

	NAME	STATUS	TERM EXPIRES	PRESENT	ABSENT
1	KEN DEGROAT (KD)	COMMISSIONER, CHAIRPERSON	12/31/2024	X	
2	MIKE PALMISANO (MP)	COMMISSIONER, VICE CHAIRPERSON	12/31/2024	X	
3	JOE SHERIDAN (JS)	COMMISSIONER, SECRETARY	12/31/2023		X
4	DON PACHECO (DP)	COMMISSIONER	12/31/2022		X
5	ROY JIMINEZ (RJ)	COMMISSIONER	12/31/2022	X	
6	MATT TEVIS (MT)	COMMISSIONER	12/31/2022	X	
7	JIM AUMACK (JA)	COMMISSIONER	12/31/2023		X
8	HEATHER BRADY-MILLER (HBM)	COMMISSIONER, 2 YEAR ALTERNATE	12/31/2022		X
9	DOUG WEIDER (DW)	COMMISSIONER, 2 YEAR ALTERNATE	12/31/2022	X	
10	DELIA SOSA MCDERMOTT (DSM)	KEYPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL LIAISON	12/31/2022	X	
11	MIKE LANE (ML)	PUBLIC	-	X	

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the August 22nd, 2022, meeting; Motion to Accept by Roy (RJ); Mat (MT) 2nd; No comments/edits/revisions; All Others Approved.

Keyport Unified Planning Board (KUPB) Updates:

(DP) not present accordingly no report from Liaison. See public comments below.

New Business:

Reappointments:

Chairman (KD) reminded members that those up for reappointment must fill out a Volunteer/Citizen Leadership form by 10/31/2022. (KD) will send an email to any of the members who are up for reappointment reminding them they need to fill the form out.

Cedar Street Dune Project:

The purchase order for 1000 dune grass plugs was approved by the Borough. Delivery will be by the November 4 with planting scheduled for Saturday November 5 at 10am. Mat and Ken will coordinate delivery place and date with the vendor.

Open to the Public

8:30pm: KD opened the meeting to the Public.

Mike Lane (ML):

- M. Lane was kind enough to provide the following summaries of his concerns:

Project Status Input for KEC Mtg. 9/26/22

Keyport Towers and Marina - Notice for environmental study and remediation activities have been posted, 8/3/22. Copy of the complete fact sheet for this site is available from LSRP. **Suggest that KEC chair request all the LSRP reports generated by this investigation.** Having these reports for Aeromarine has been very beneficial for the Borough.

Browns Point Marina Notice for new CAFRA application issued 8/3/22 covering office and maintenance building, boat rack expansions, fueling tanks, and additional fueling docks. Plans show fuel tanks unanchored and on ground in SFHA. Should be full copy of application sent to KEC. Any **action to pick up documents**

Mystic at Keyport – Application for a new CAFRA permit noticed 8/28/22. On piles with breakaway walls, etc. and certified by a qualified architect. Requirement that deeds advise buyers of flood risk and are approved by KUPB attorney not evident in the project file.

Mariner's Village, Browns Point Marina Contamination - Roger Miller's 2/4/22 status report identifies dirt pile at end of Washington St as 'historic fill' to be used on the apartment lot by EOY 2022. KEC letter regarding contaminated fill at the north end of Washington Street still not addressed. Fences required to keep humans out of contaminated areas are still not documented.

KUPB Hearings

25 E Front – Application for Use and Bulk Variances continued at the Sept. 22 KUPB meeting. Applicant's professionals (traffic expert, engineer, architect, and planner) reviewed the revised plans for the 50-unit apartment building. The application hearing will continue at the Oct. KUPB meeting.

Nuisance Flooding

Division and East Front Basin Flooding – The Beach Park 30-inch Outfall Pipe problem with the significantly restricted outfall pipe capacity due to the duckbill on the end of the pipe. Without a pump to push/force the water through the duckbill flooding continues. A fix is not a 2022 budget item.

Third St Flooding – County officials are reviewing maintenance of the HHT drainage ditch between Manchester and Fulton streets. Drainage-ditch/floodway along HHT between Atlantic and Manchester flows to the pipe under the HHT just east of Manchester Street. Hudson Pointe is now approved to discharge their stormwater into the pit abutting this pipe under the HHT, which will further intensify the flooding issue on E Fifth and E Third. This stormwater should flow down the HHT drainage-ditch past Fulton to Chingarora Creek.

Harbor Pollution

Aeromarine Landfill – No update on efforts to end the pollution of the Keyport Harbor

due to toxins leaking from the landfill site at Aeromarine. Council review of Aeromarine lawsuit was a closed session item at the 7/19/22 KBC meeting.

Erosion Clogging Waterways

Aeromarine Site – No update on efforts to eliminate the continuing erosion that is silting in the adjacent bay and creek. It is also exposing landfill trash.

Port 149 Bulkhead – Construction has resumed following the required KBC review hearing. Rebuilding on same location as old bulkhead. Detailed bulkhead plans covering bulkhead “returns” still needed. A return is required from the east end of their bulkhead to a point along W Front Street. Details covering the interface with 1.) the County bridge steel sheeting, 2.) steel sheeting elevation and 3.) BSA sanitary-sewer pipes are still needed.

Approved Projects

333 First Street – Siding is being installed

Raritan Bay/Cove – Retaining wall installed parallel to creek will not serve as a bulkhead due to its height above the creek. Construction of the new buildings is progressing slowly.

31 West Front St – Condition of approval was delineation of flood zone boundaries (VE, LIMWA, and AE) in this SFHA. Need a report from a certified Flood Plain Manager. CAFRA permit and Floodplain Development Permit are required.

317 Beers Street – No update regarding continuing wetland infringement in violation of 8/25/2005 NJDEP FILL Permit. Not an enforcement action by the Borough. capacity due to the duckbill on the end of the pipe continues.

Public Portion - Closed 9:45: KD closed the meeting to the Public.

Meeting Adjourned 9:50pm: Motion to Adjourn by RH; DW 2nd; Unanimous Approval.

Next meeting will be on **Monday, October 24, 2022, at 8:00pm, at Keyport Borough Hall Council Chamber.**

Minutes submitted by Mike Palmisano.