

Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2014

Present: B. Albergo, J. Bay, M. Gossett, A. Rankin, M. Vyff

Members of the Public: M. Kaplan

Membership: Jackie made a motion that Mimi Kaplan be seated on the EC as an Alternate. Bill agreed to do this and her bio was forwarded.

Commission Projects

Wellhead Protection Ordinance: Bill reported that an insignificant 2 word change was made to the ordinance and that so far as he knew, it was ready to go to the NJDEP for review. This project is currently entered into Sustainable Jersey for 10 points, however, 2nd reading must be achieved by Nov 23, 2014.

Cove Project Planting: Bill reported that DPW put environmentally appropriate crushed stone on the canoe entry in time for Memorial Day. A plant inventory was expected from Cerbo last week. Jackie agreed to request that Bob Tovo only plant native, non-invasive species in this, and frankly, every municipal garden. Website links with this information was forwarded. The possibility of passing a Grounds Policy for Sustainable Jersey points will be explored with Bob.

Recycling: Bill reported that the Municipal Solid Waste Committee is officially disbanded with its education and recycling activities transferred to the EC under Mimi Kaplan. DPW will retain oversight of handler, the depot and green bag management. Mimi reported about the results of the Top to Top recycling meeting with DPW and the schools. Goals for 2014/15 include creating new recycling guidelines for all district custodians that involve a more centralized recycling collection process in better-designated containers; new cafeteria recycling procedures that include monitors, better designated containers and ideally, sink stations for rinsing and waste; lastly, the installment of chilled water bottle filling stations in all schools with education to promote usage. A longer-term goal is to remove all Styrofoam. The fundamental concern with hauler compliance was discussed at length. A need for DPW spot audits is evident. Dr. Mucci stopped in and the usage of existing cameras at MLHS and BC school dumpsters was also discussed. It was agreed that Mimi and Jackie would follow up with DPW regarding the writing of new guidelines.

Sustainable Jersey: Marnie outlined her incredible progress against achieving at least 150 points towards Sustainable Jersey re-certification. She currently has 255 points submitted with plans to achieve a total of 320. 350 points are needed for Silver certification and the EC is committed to achieving these last projects. Marnie reported that she is having trouble getting paperwork worth 20 points from Bob Tovo; Bill promised to follow up.

Lights on the Turf: The concerned resident did not attend the meeting so the EC decided that Dr. Mucci's response about automatic light controls sufficiently answered potential environmental concerns.

Validation Well Firm Capacity #'s: Bill reported that the Borough was not in favor of doing a validation test that would require shutting down the principal well and verifying that the back

up wells can fill the tanks. The EC has recommended this test because there is a lack of confidence in the theoretical assumptions currently being used. Bill reported that for a variety of reasons, the main well was shut down in August of 2013 and that data exists about the back up wells ability to generate water. The EC has requested this data.

Committee & Commission Reports

Due to the hour, these reports were not shared.