

Minutes for the Environmental Commission

June 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:35 pm.

Members present – Baldino, Clapp, Hall, Neufeld, Rich (TC liason), Urbanski, Van der Veen, Zuzov.

Members absent -. Longhi, Piel.

Minutes of May 9, 2013 were approved.

A map of the township showing the Conservation Easements, Green acres and Farmland Preserved land is being made with the help of the \$10,000 Sustainable Jersey Grant. It will be as large as the stream corridor map in the municipal building. An interim report is due for the grant in July. Cathy will provide copies at the next meeting.

The Commission reviewed the well water testing flyer put together by Joan and with a few suggestions the draft was approved. Once Joan has finished editing the draft the flyer will be sent to the Township Committee and Raritan Headwaters Association for approval and will be dispersed at the municipal garbage depot. Proposed hand out dates are August 24 and September 7. Testing kits will be available for sale on September 14 with the due date for samples to be on the following Monday (September 16). A representative from the Raritan Headwaters will be present to show the Commission members the process. Flyers will also be sent out in March, 2014 along with another mailing to prepare for a spring testing.

The 319h grant has been approved! We have three and a half years to spend it. We are currently waiting on Princeton Hydro to begin construction of the rain garden at South.

The Commission voted to not renew our ANJEC membership in order to save our meager budget for outreach programs. Suggestions ranged from programs for elementary school kids (similar to the D.A.R.E program) to sponsorship of a high school club/class that could monitor the streams. There is also the potential to open up a “buddy system” where older high school students can front programs designed to incorporate elementary students and get them involved in the community.

Janice briefed the Commission on her outing with Jade Green when she accompanied the watershed ambassador on her stream analysis tests. Janice had so much fun and learned so much that she has suggested that the Commission should learn how to monitor the streams. The watershed ambassador will provide this training.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Minutes prepared by C.Hall