

Minutes for the Environmental Commission September 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:30 pm.

Members present – Baldino, Clapp, Longhi, Neufeld, Urbanski, Van der Veen, Zuzov.

Members absent – Hall, Piel, Rich (TC liaison). Hall and Rich were excused.

Minutes of July 11, 2013 were approved with punctuation corrections from Joan.

It was noted that our liaison, Mayor Rich, would not be able to attend meetings for the rest of the year as he will be teaching at NJIT on our meeting night. Mr. Fisher has volunteered to take his place.

Well water testing kits for purchase on 9/14 was discussed. Volunteers to help on that day are:

8:00 – 9:30 – Dan

9:30 – 11:00 – Janice

11:00 – 12:30 – Cathy

And volunteers to help with the test kits on 9/16 are:

8:00 – 9:30 – Dave

9:30 – 11:00 – Joan

11:00 – Cathy – to present checks and wrap it up.

The members did a test run as Art wanted to purchase the basic kit and extra tests.

We noted that if this was done again in the future that more information needs to be provided to the residents. Janice and Joan coordinated this effort.

Cathy gave a quick update on the expenditures for the Sustainable Jersey Grant. \$6300 has been well spent so far on the mapping. Dave mentioned that we could use ESRI Arc Viewer to view the layers and print the layers together or separately.

We as the EC could coordinate our efforts with mailing the final map to all residents with the AAC. They have a “farm products for sale” trifold which they would like added to the map mailing. They will help with envelope stuffing and finances if necessary.

The Township Committee has committed further funding for the easement project if needed.

The 319h grant rain garden project has begun at South, and all members of the boards for South have been informed and have coordinated this effort. The FFA and biology classes will take part in this project.

Also discussed was the rain garden at “Orleans” and the decommissioning of the dam at the Alexauken Creek Wildlife Mgmt. area.

Art questioned oversight of the project by Princeton Hydro, additional engineer review and was there a warrantee on the work. Cathy explained that the contract had been through serious review with the DEP. Dave commented that he had worked with Princeton Hydro on other 319h grants and found them to be

reputable. Cathy offered to provide Art and the Commission with the original contract for the grant as well as the first recent quarterly report. Cathy will follow up to provide this information. Cathy recommended that a rep from Princeton Hydro attend our next meeting. Art felt that he would want more information prior to the meeting.

Art discussed his attendance at the ANJEC Green Stormwater Conference and discussed various green stormwater measures that had been undertaken by Hightstown and Hopewell townships.

The elementary school after school curriculum was discussed by the members. Contact with Justin Holohan revealed that the after school projects were slated for grades K-6. Members agreed that age groups should have different projects. We are waiting to hear from Justin as to how to proceed.

The Commission discussed the recent Planning Board application which we had received. After considerable review of the BDNJ Ltd, LLC proposal, we decided to defer to the Planning Board as the Commission had no comment on the application.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes prepared by C. Urbanski