

MANTOLOKING ENVIROINMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 14, 2013

Meeting No: 2013-05

Members Present: Bixby, Buck, McIntyre, Nelson, Pilling
Members Absent: Chance

- Chairman Bixby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- The minutes of the April meeting were approved.
- C. Bixby stated that the April newsletter had been posted on the Commissions web page and distributed electronically via the Mantoloking Reporter. To date, no feedback positive or negative has been received.
- Eileen and Connie reviewed the presentation sponsored by the US Green Building Council, NJ held April 18, 2013 at Sacred Heart Church in Bay Head. The topics covered included; resilient green building, ENERGY STAR funding & incentives, ENERGY STAR and LEED buildings, priorities & goals for homeowners / top talking points to discuss with contractors, and modular buildings. The presentation was geared towards contractors but there was good information on energy rebate programs (www.njcleanenergy.com) and links to the programs will be posted on the Commissions web page. One speaker presented information on the off-gassing of formaldehyde from new furniture, cabinets, carpets, and floors. Consumers should be aware of the potential of this to happen and take appropriate steps such as ventilation, storing new items in a garage for a few days, etc.
- The group continued the discussion of the potential of an “Adopt-a-Spot”. The rock revetment at the end of Arnold Street as discussed. While all thought this was a good location in need of help, the logistics such as; trash / debris disposal, access to adjoining properties, liability, volunteers, etc. is a bit too much at this time in the Towns recovery process. It was decided to table this activity until later in the year.
- The topic of non-household trash and debris disposal was reviewed. As residents repopulate and begin to clean up their properties, there is no town sponsored program to collect and dispose such debris. After discussion it was decided that Eileen would contact Jim Brown and C. Bixby would reach out to the Office of Emergency Management to see if a bulk pick-up day could be scheduled. Jenny will contact the Ocean county Landfill (Manchester Twp.) to see what can be arranged through the County.

- Jenny mentioned that this year has a potential to be a bad year (or good year if you're a mosquito) for mosquitoes. Residents should be reminded to keep all standing water clear of their property. This will be posted on the Commissions web page.
- C. Bixby stated that this spring (May – June) the Barnegat Bay Partnership (BBP) will be conducting a study on sea nettle polyps and that his property is one of the study sites. BBP will be making weekly visits to various locations along the Bay to collect data on the sea nettle polyps.
- Beth Nelson expressed concern that with the loss of a lot of beach front homes and natural vegetation on the dunes, some of the sand that is currently being pushed up into the dunes will be lost due to the winds. Beth will contact Dr. Wooton of Georgian Court University to see if she has any recommendations.
- Jenny felt it would be a good idea to post information or web site locations for residents to get information on asbestos. With all the houses being demolished, it would be useful awareness information. C. Bixby will get Ed O'Malley to get some info. up on the Borough web site.
- Jenny mentioned that the County is sponsoring free document shredding services at various locations throughout the County. The current schedule for the shredding locations is posted on the borough web site.
- Beth Nelson wondered if now would be a good opportunity for the Town to become certified by Sustainable Jersey. Sustainable Jersey is a certification program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, save money and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. Launched in 2009, Sustainable Jersey is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support and reward communities as they pursue sustainability programs. This subject will be discussed further.
- Eileen mentioned that Mr. John Wesson has expressed interest in joining the Commission. All agreed that John would be welcomed addition. Eileen will invite John to the next meeting and C. Bixby will contact the Mayor to make it official.
- The next meeting will be held June 11, 2013, 5:00 p.m. at the Mantoloking Yacht Club Sailing Center.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
Courtney Bixby, Chariman