

MANTOLOKING ENVIROINMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 18, 2013

Meeting No: 2013-06

Members Present: Bixby, Buck, Nelson, Pilling, Wesson

Members Absent: Chance, McIntyre

- Chairman Bixby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- The minutes of the May meeting were approved.
- Mr. John Wesson was welcomed to the Committee. At the June 25, 2013 Borough Council meeting a resolution will be passed officially assigning John to the Committee.
- The group reviewed the new trash pickup schedule. Household trash will be picked once per week (Mondays) curbside only. Recyclables will be picked up once per week (Wednesdays) curb side only. Beth Nelson stated that the dumpsters at Lyman and Princeton Avenues will remain in place until the end of June. Beth also mentioned that the tops should be removed from all plastic bottles that are to be recycled.
- Beth Nelson suggested that the Committee take a tour of the County recycling facility. All thought this was a good idea. C. Bixby to contact the facility for the arrangements.
- Providing paper shredding services to the residents was discussed. Jenny Buck will contact a couple of companies that provide on-site shredding services. Typically the cost ranges from \$80 - \$110 per hour. It was felt that 2 or 3 hours of service would be sufficient for borough residents. Once Jen has some firm cost figures, Michelle Swisher will be contacted to see if the Borough would be able to fund this project, possibly out of the Clean Committees line item. A Friday or Saturday in August will be proposed.
- Jenny Buck reported that NJDEP water sampling and testing of the bay continues to show that the bay appears to be in good health. The DEP currently theorizes that the recent murkiness observed is mainly due to the runoff from the recently heavy rainfall events and to pollen in the bay. C. Bixby stated that he has been out around Herring Island a few times now and the wetlands and island look very green and healthy. Other members mentioned that the wildlife; ospreys, terns, cranes, rabbits, foxes all are back and that bay creatures appear to be doing well too.
- C. Bixby stated that the Committee's meeting schedule will not conflict with the Borough Council meetings for at least the next three months.

- Ms. Buck reported that a household hazardous waste drop off event will take place on October 5, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Point Pleasant Beach DPW facility located behind the train station.
- Two topics for the next newsletter were suggested; recycling and plants that weathered the storm. The Committee will continue to collect topics for a Fall newsletter.
- The next meeting will be held July 9, 2013, 5:00 p.m. at the Mantoloking Yacht Club Sailing Center.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Courtney Bixby, Chariman