

MANTOLOKING ENVIROINMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 9, 2013

Meeting No: 2013-07

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

- Chairman Bixby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- The minutes of the June meeting were approved.
- The group discussed potential dates for the tour of the County recycling facility. The first full week in August was open for most members, C. Bixby to contact the facility and make the arrangements.
- C. Bixby noted the following two meeting dates:
 - Save Barnegat Bay Annual Meeting – July 7, 2013, 9:00 p.m.
 - Native Plant Society of New Jersey – July 16, 6:30 p.m. (organize a Ocean County chapter)
- Providing paper shredding services to the residents was discussed. Jenny Buck stated that the cost was more than expected, +\$1,000. The members felt this cost to be a bit outside of the town's budget. It was decided that the Commission will publicize the free document shredding events and look into possibly hosting a County-wide event.
- The health of the bay was discussed. Overall the bay appears in good shape. Members have noticed recently that the stinging sea nettles are back. Beth Nelson mentioned the sea nettle survey work continues off her dock / bulkhead.
- Connie Pilling passed around photos of a beach access in Brick. The access was overlaid with a blue plastic matting that provided easy access over the sand and dunes. The matting has the advantage of being easily removed if required by dune maintenance, re-nourishment, or revetment work. Connie will forward digital copies of the photos to C. Bixby who will pass along to the Dune Committee Chair, P. Strohm.
- Eileen asked about dogs on the beaches. All normal beach / dogs ordinances are in effect and violations should be reported to the police. Eileen noted that all the dog waste stations were removed by Super Storm Sandy. After some discussion, C. Bixby will email Michelle at Borough Hall to see if new waste stations could be purchased and installed. Peter Chance suggested as an interim measure, dog waste bags could be provided at the active beach access points.

- Jenny noted that Gov. Christy announced last week that Island Beach State Park is now fully open to the public.
- A discussion was held on the Rt. 35 Improvements Project and specifically the new stormwater management system. As outlined by Beth Nelson; the system will consist of two collection systems and two pump stations. One collection system and pump station will serve the northern end of town and the other collection system and pump station will serve the southern portion of town. The pump stations will be located at the west end of Downer Ave and the west end of Lyman Street. In order to avoid flood damage, the controls, motors and other electrical devices shall be housed in an elevated structure that will loosely resemble a gazebo. The pros and cons (mostly the cons) of the new system were discussed at length. Beth noted that the Borough and officials from the State DOT have had numerous discussions regarding the system and there has been little indication of any compromise on the part of the State. Beth will keep the Commission posted.
- It was noted that the dredging of the bay will begin the week of July 15, 2013. Sand build-up around the existing stormwater collection system discharge points appears to be affecting the stormwater collection system's ability to drain water swiftly. It was also noted that sand screening operations have begun at the east end of Lyman Street.
- Peter Chance indicated that a resident has offered to purchase a decibel (noise) meter if the device would be used by the police department to monitor boat noise in the bay. After some discussion, Peter will contact Chief Wright and let him know of this offer.
- Beth Nelson mentioned that building an osprey tower may be a good project for the Commission. One possible location would be at the end of Arnold Street. The members will consider this project further.
- The next meeting will be held August 13, 2013, 5:00 p.m. at the Mantoloking Yacht Club Sailing Center.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Courtney Bixby, Chariman