

MANTOLOKING ENVIROINMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 9, 2013

Meeting No: 2013-09

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

- Chairman Bixby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- The minutes of the August meeting were approved.
- Chairman Bixby mentioned that Mary Judge of Barnegat Bay Partnership has offered to let the Commission use the Partnership's new facility located in Brown's Woods, Toms River for one of our monthly meetings along with a walking tour of the grounds. All felt that this was a good idea. Chairman Bixby will arrange this for one of the Spring 2014 meetings.
- Beth Nelson distributed several handouts downloaded from the web site of Dr. Louise Wootton of Georgian Court University regarding dune plants and planting. The group reviewed the handouts and decided that the information would be good content for the next newsletter. Listed below are the hyperlinks to the handouts discussed;
 - http://gcuonline.georgian.edu/wootton/trees_and_fences.htm
 - <http://gcuonline.georgian.edu/wootton/whattoplantwhere.htm>
 - http://gcuonline.georgian.edu/wootton/assessing_plant_quality.htm
 - <http://gcuonline.georgian.edu/wootton/planting.htm>
 - http://gcuonline.georgian.edu/wootton/what_not_to_plant.htm
 - <http://gcuonline.georgian.edu/wootton/restoration.htm>
- John Wesson began a discussion on the Pros and Cons regarding phragmites and the Little Beach. The plants provide an effective means of erosion control (Pro) however the rate of growth if left unchecked will take over the rest of the open space (Con). The Commission will try to ensure that the proper ratio of open space vs. plant will be maintained at the Little Beach.
- Mr. Wesson distributed a handout that he received at the recently held Beach Plum Festival sponsored by the Barnegat Bay Partnership. The handout "Going Native" lists a wide variety of native plants, tress, and shrubs that can be used in landscaping local lawns and yards. A listing of area nurseries carrying the native plants was also provided. The handout and nursery listing are very informative. Copies of the documents will be scanned and hyperlinks placed on the Commissions web page. A copy of the handout and listing has been appended to these meeting minutes.

- Eileen McIntyre stated that Save Barnegat Bay and other groups sponsor several bay clean up events and she felt that the Commission should participate as a group in some of them. All felt that this was a good idea. Eileen will research the dates for upcoming bay cleanup events and distribute to the Commission's members. The members will respond with their individual availability and Eileen will tally the responses and let everyone know what event or events work for everyone.
- Eileen asked if anything can be done to stop the unsolicited distribution of telephone books and door knob flyers. The telephone books are obsolete these days and the door knob hangers are unwanted. Both items are a very big waste of resources and detrimental to the environment. After some discussion Eileen will contact Verizon (the source of the telephone books) and see if there is an "Opt Out" option for the Borough or individuals. Connie Pilling stated that she had already lodged a complaint with Comcast regarding the door knob hangers.
- Jenney Buck asked if there had been any further progress on obtaining the plans for the new storm water collection system to be installed as part of the Rt. 35 highway improvements. Beth Nelson stated no progress has been made as the plans for Downer Ave. have not been finalized and the DOT is reluctant to release copies. If and when copies of the plans become available, Beth will let everyone know.
- The next meeting will be held October 8, 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:

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