

MANTOLOKING ENVIROINMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 10, 2013

Meeting No: 2013-12

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 November meeting were approved.
- C. Bixby stated that without objection, the Commission would continue its current meeting schedule (the second Tuesday of each month) for 2014. All were in favor.
- C. Bixby and B. Nelson stated that no progress had been made on planned education event for early spring. Beth will try and get some dates from Dr. Wootton and Courtney will then coordinate those dates with Jason Austin of rareFIND Nursery.
- C. Bixby asked if anyone contacted the NJDEP regarding the clam beds and fish hatcheries. Beth and Jenny had not made any contact but will reach out this month to Dr. Mike Kennish and Beth will contact some folks from Save Barnegat Bay and possibly Montclair State College, and Stockton State College. SSC is currently conducting a study on eel grass in the Bay.
- C. Bixby brought up the idea of submitting an annual report for 2013 to Mayor and Council. All thought that this would be a good idea. C. Bixby to draft and submit.
- Jenny mentioned that Dr. Farrell of Stockton State College is scheduled to give a presentation on the state of the beach and dunes in Mantoloking at the next Council meeting and wondered if the members could receive a copy of the report prior to the meeting. Beth did not think that would be a problem, C. Bixby will contact Irene tomorrow.
- Via email Eileen mentioned that the NJDEP is sponsoring a Shore Protection grant/loan program. The purpose of the grants / loans are to protect existing development from sea-level rise and shoreline migration through dune creation and maintenance, beach fill projects and repair of existing shore protection structures. All counties and municipalities are eligible with the loans at 25%/75%. Eileen wanted to bring this opportunity to the Commissions attention.
- The next meeting will be held January 14th, 2014, 5:00 p.m. at the Mantoloking Yacht Club Sailing Center.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

Courtney Bixby, Chairman