

MANTOLOKING ENVIROINMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 11, 2013

Meeting No: 2013-01

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

- Chairman Bixby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.
- The election of officers was discussed and the following recommendations were made:
  - Chairman: Courtney Bixby (appointed by Council)
  - Vice Chair Person: Eileen McIntyre
  - Secretary: Peter Chance

The assignments were approved unanimously

- The 2013 meeting schedule was discussed and the following schedule approved.
  - The Commission will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm.
  - The official meeting location will be the Sailing Center at the Mantoloking Yacht Club.
  - The next meeting was scheduled for February 12, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

It was decided that until normal access to the Borough is permitted and the Sailing Center open for use, the meetings will be held at the rental property of Chairman Bixby.

The 2013 meeting schedule will be forwarded to the Borough Clerk for publication

- Chairman Bixby led a discussion on the goals and priorities for the Commission in 2013. The main focus of the Commission shall be “Communicate and Educate”. The achievement of these goals shall be as follows:
  - Communicate:
    - Provide timely and consistent reports to Council
    - Meet regularly and keep minutes of each meeting
    - Reach out to neighboring Environmental Commissions and establish cooperative relationships.
  - Educate:
    - Newsletters distributed to residents via the Borough web site and mailings
    - Reports to Council
    - Host educational opportunities either singularly or in cooperation with neighboring Commissions.

- The Commission members then discussed the topics that should be the focus for 2013. Based on the extraordinary situation in the Borough there is a unique opportunity for homeowners to implement sustainable and eco-friendly landscaping and building designs and techniques as everyone rebuilds. Listed below are some of the issues to be promoted:
  - Sustainable landscaping and the use of native plants.
  - Limit the use of hardscaping and impervious cover
  - Incorporate stormwater management into landscape designs such as rain gardens or rain barrels
  - Encourage the use of green building designs and construction materials
  - Promote the consideration of alternate energy sources such as geo-thermal and solar.
  - Support the strict enforcement of beach access and dune / beach protection.
  
- The Commission members decided to begin the process by putting together periodic newsletters that will address the issues above in detail. The first newsletter is to be distributed in March.

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

Submitted by:

Courtney Bixby, Chariman