

MANTOLOKING ENVIROINMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 10, 2014

Meeting No: 2014-06

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

- Chairman Bixby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- The minutes of the May 2014 meeting were approved.
- Ms. Nelson's efforts to arrange a lecture with Dr. Wootton have run their course and have had no success. With that in mind, Beth suggested that Jason Austin of Rare Finds Nursery be contacted regarding the lecture. All felt that was a good idea. Beth to contact Mr. Austin to see if Jason would be available on either August 12th or 14th for a presentation.
- C. Bixby stated that there has been no progress on the draft of the summer newsletter. C. Bixby plans to have a draft available prior to the July meeting.
- C. Bixby asked if there was any update on the petition to install rain gardens at the storm water inlets along the rebuilt Rt. 35. Ms. Nelson stated that there has been no progress and most likely there will not be any progress until after summer when the work on Rt. 35 starts up again.
- J. Wesson distributed copies of an editorial from the May 9, 2014 edition of the Ocean Star. The editorial was written by Michele Byers, Ex. Director of the N.J. Conservation Foundation and highlighted the efforts by the N.J. Invasive Species Strike Team to stop the spread of invasive plant species. The group has an app. for download to your smart phone to help track locations where invasive plants are found.
- John Wesson led a discussion of lot coverage as it relates to house raising and rebuilding. At the end of the discussion it was felt that these matters fall under the purview the Planning Board although exceedance of lot coverage(s) can have an adverse environmental impact.
- Eileen McIntyre updated the group on trash collection in the Borough. Town officials are negotiating with the hauler (Marpal) to resume twice per week collection (Mon & Thurs) and add yard debris pick up. This new was met with enthusiasm from all.

- Connie Piling stated that Save Barnegat Bay was holding a “Rally for the Bay” on June 29, 2014 at Traders Cove. The event will highlight the citizen effort to Save Barnegat Bay, which was born at Traders Cove in Brick Township 44 years ago.
- Lance White who has been attending meetings recently was asked if he would like to join the Commission. Lance indicated that he would be willing to serve. On a unanimous vote, Commission members voted to seek the Mayor’s approval and appointment of Mr. White to the Commission.
- The next meeting will be July 9, 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