



MANTOLOKING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
P.O. Box 4391
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MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 13, 2016

Meeting No: 2016-09

Members Present: Bixby, Mattia, O'Malley, Pilling, Wesson, White

Members Absent: McIntyre

- Chairman Bixby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- The minutes of the July and August meetings were approved.
- The October "Tip of the Month" will be drafted by Joan Mattia.
- C. Bixby reported that the new Commission logo was approved by the Mayor and is now the official logo of the Mantoloking Environmental Commission.
- Connie reported that progress is being made against the cinch bugs which is killing off dune grass. Connie also mentioned that a good way to keep the bugs from becoming a problem is to keep your dune grass healthy and well irrigated.
- Ed reported continued progress in the drafting a resolution for promoting good environmental practices. Once completed the draft will be submitted to the members for review and comment.
- Ed O'Malley reported that the beaches, post Tropical Storm Hermine, are in good shape.
- Connie Pilling reported that the Bay Avenue drainage project is moving along well.
- John Wesson reported that he has not seen a fox this year. Other members reported hearing of sightings, but there have been less than in previous years.
- John Wesson mentioned that a neighbors large pine tree died suddenly and that he has seen this happening a lot recently. John contacted Rare Finds Nursery (Jackson) and they believe this is due to a bug/beetle infesting the tree and interrupting the tress circulatory system or the drought may be affecting the trees already stressed by Super Storm Sandy. Joan Mattia mentioned that the effects of Sandy on trees would not be known for years after the storm.

- Joan Mattia mentioned that Re-Clam the Bay is constructing a Living Shoreline at Sedge Island to help protect the island's shoreline from erosion. Re-Clam has had success in other areas with living shorelines.
- The next meeting will be held October 11, 2016 beginning at 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:

Courtney Bixby, Chairman