

MANTOLOKING ENVIROINMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 11, 2016

Meeting No: 2016-10

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

Members Absent:

- Chairman Bixby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- The minutes of the September meetings were approved.
- The November "Tip of the Month" will be drafted by Joan Mattia and will address mulching.
- There was a brief discussion on the new Commission logo. Following the publication of an article in the Ocean Star announcing the formal adoption of the new logo, Ms. A. Benedict, former Mantoloking historian, contacted several members of the Commission regarding the logo. Ms. Benedict was somewhat disappointed that no one thought to contact her regarding the history of the name, Mantoloking. The members who were contacted agreed with Ms. Benedict that not contacting her was an oversight, however the research results and history used to develop the new Commission logo was substantially in line with Ms. Benedict's research.
- Lance White reported that the Bay Avenue drainage project has been delayed due to the temporary hold Gov. Christy has placed on all State funded transportation projects.
- Ed reported continued, albeit slow progress in the drafting a resolution for promoting good environmental practices.
- Eileen McIntyre will continue her efforts to finds a speaker for the next presentation. Due to other commitments, Eileen has had limited time to work on this and would welcome anyone's assistance or suggestions. Ed O'Malley suggested contacting Britta Wenzel, Executive Director of Save Barnegat Bay.
- John Wesson mentioned that the lower branches on most of the beach plums located on his property have been nipped off, almost like they have been professionally pruned. It is believed that some type of mammal is responsible.
- Lance White mentioned that he visited the Beach Haven beach replenishment project and the beach looked beautiful. It is hoped that the beaches in Mantoloking will look equally beautiful once the replenishment project is completed for Mantoloking.

- Joan Mattia reported that the Pinelands Preservation Alliance is still fighting the PennEast pipeline and recommended the website [rethinkenergyNJ.org](http://rethinkenergyNJ.org) for more information.
- Ed O'Malley reported that Great Adventure has temporarily suspended moving forward with their solar project approved by Jackson Township due to vigorous opposition. The majority of the opposition stems from Great Adventure's plan to clear cut a large area of pine woods to install the solar panels, rather than installing them over existing parking lots.
- The next meeting will be held November 15, 2016 beginning at 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