

MANTOLOKING ENVIROINMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 14, 2014

Meeting No: 2014-10

Members Present: Bixby, Pilling, Nelson, Wesson, White

Members Absent: Buck, Chance, McIntyre

- Chairman Bixby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- The minutes of the September 2014 meeting were approved.
- C. Bixby stated that the Rare Finds flyer distributed at the presentation has been posted to the MEC's web page on the Borough's web site.
- Connie Pilling's issues from the last meeting were satisfactorily addressed with B. Nelson's assistance.
- The group discussed potential dates for the Cattus Island tour. Beth will attempt to arrange for a naturalist to guide the group either November 8th or November 15th, 2014. Once the guide has been confirmed, or not, the Commission will finalize the date for the tour.
- It was decided not to distribute a winter newsletter so close to the Rare Finds presentation and that a Spring newsletter will be drafted and distributed addressing dune planting, invasive plants and other environmental topics/issues.
- Beth Nelson mentioned that the Borough is working on the areas of persistent flooding including the scouring and erosion noted on Bergen Avenue after a recent heavy rainfall event. The severe erosion at the two beaches has not been evident prior to the recent rains. The Borough engineer inspected the site in an attempt to determine the cause.
- John Wesson mentioned anecdotally that the tides in the Bay seem to be higher than before Superstorm Sandy. Most of the group agreed with this impression.
- Connie P. stated that she recently received an email from Save Barnegat Bay organization asking individuals and organizations to help in getting Barnegat Bay classified as "impaired". This classification triggers modeling and planning to reduce the amount of nitrogen found the Bay. More information can be found at <http://www.savebarnegatbay.org/> .

- The next meeting will be November 11, 2014, 5:00 p.m. at the Mantoloking Yacht Club Sailing Center.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Courtney Bixby, Chairman