

MANTOLOKING ENVIROINMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 15, 2016

Meeting No: 2016-11

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

Members Absent: McIntyre, Mattia

- Chairman Bixby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- The minutes of the October meetings were approved.
- The December "Tip of the Month" will be drafted by Joan Mattia.
- C. Bixby reported that Eileen McIntyre has resigned from the Commission. Other competing commitments has made it impossible for Eileen to dedicate sufficient time to the Commission. The members reluctantly accepted Eileen's resignation. A brief discussion ensued regarding Eileen's replacement. Several names were mentioned. C. Bixby would begin to reach out to the person's named to see if there was any interest. A recommendation will be made to the Mayor.
- C. Bixby mention that his term was up at the end of this year, 2016. C. Bixby has indicated to the Mayor that he would be willing to continue to serve on the Commission and as it's Chair. In 2017 L. White and E. O'Malley terms will be up and in 2018 C. Pilling's, J. Mattia, and J. Wesson's terms will be up.
- Ed reported continued, but slow progress in the drafting of a resolution for promoting good environmental practices.
- A discussion was held regarding finding a speaker for the next presentation. Ed O'Malley suggested that we coordinate the event date with a Borough council meeting in early spring and that the topic address native plants and landscaping. Bryce Bennett was suggested as a possible speaker. Ed also mentioned that the presentation could take the form of a workshop or panel discussion with participants taking questions from the audience. This approach had some interest from the members and will be discussed further.
- C. Bixby asked if everyone received the Mayor's letter regarding the Borough's recent adoption of several new ordinances supporting and/or improving storm water quality in the Borough. C. Bixby stated that these were positive steps to reducing runoff pollution into the Bay.
- C. Bixby mentioned he had received a newspaper article from J. Mattia documenting that the Pinelands Preservation Alliance had a recent victory in the fight against the PennEast pipeline project.

The project was sent back to the Pinelands Commission for a second environmental review and decision.

- J. Wesson mentioned that the County recycling center located on New Hampshire Road in Brick does not accept phragmites. The phragmites pay havoc with the equipment used to process the plant and brush materials.
- C. Pilling would like the Commission to monitor the re-planting of Rt 35. The plantings originally installed by the NJDOT were done poorly and not well maintained. This time around the DOT is to install more native species and Connie would like the Commission to monitor the replanting and see if a copy of the revised landscaping plan could be obtained from the State. This will be looked into.
- The next meeting will be held December 14, 2016 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Mantoloking Yacht Club Sailing Center.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Courtney Bixby, Chairman