

OCEAN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

January 7, 2010

5:45 PM

Meeting began at 5:45 PM.

Call to Order – Flag Salute

Open Public Meeting Act – Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, sending copies of the notice of the meeting properly provided adequate notice of the meeting to the Times Beacon and the Asbury Park press. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

Roll Call:

Members present:     Ed Covitz                     Don Lippincott  
                              Bob Knowles                 Pat McCarty  
                              Tom Leaming                 Jack Henderson

Members absent:     Heide Geary, Bill Rossnagel

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Chairman Lippincott asked for a motion to approve the November 30, 2009 minutes. Ed Covitz made a motion to approve the November 30, 2009 minutes. Bob Knowles seconded the motion. All in favor: (aye).

Chairman Lippincott reminded the Commission that the correspondence is always available with the Secretary.

Commission discussed the Jacques Cousteau seminar in February. Secretary will sign up Ed Covitz, Pat McCarty and Don Lippincott.

Mayor Lachawiec was in attendance and was asked to address the Commission by Chairman Lippincott. Mayor Lachawiec thanked the Commission for their service. Mayor Lachawiec spoke briefly on the Stafford Fertilizer Ordinance and encouraged the Commission to provide recommendations to the Township Committee regarding the ordinance.

The Commission spoke about in detail regarding fertilizer in the bay and educating the public on the harm of fertilizer in the bay. Three areas of focus are: Outreach to educate the public, dedicate serious attention to the Stafford ordinance, and the effects the fertilizer has on the bay. Matt Ambrosio may have a report from the lake dredging and the testing that the County did. Secretary will check with Mr. Ambrosio to see what the lake was being tested for. Video/infomercial could be designed to put on the TV channel. Mr. Leaming thinks he may have a connection to the media center at Waretown. A fertilizer subcommittee was formed.

Mr. Leaming volunteered to speak with Jean Broadbent who is in charge of the TV website to see if an infomercial type of program could be put on it. Mr. Henderson inquired about NIXLE. He is signed up for this through Barnegat. He will send secretary the link so it can be checked into.

Mr. Henderson will get in touch with Barnegat Bay Estuary and the M.A.T.E.S. Academy and his contact at Greenbriar.

Chairman Lippincott set a goal for the Commission to get more serious this year on several issues. Sub-committees would be beneficial. The goal is to get the fertilizer issue out before the spring.

Clean-up of the trail could possibly be done by the local scouts.

Fertilizer sub-committee will be: Pat McCarty, Tom Leaming and Jack Henderson.

Tree Ordinance sub-committee will be: Pat McCarty, Heidi Geary (or Chairman if Ms. Geary declines) and Don Lippincott.

Mr. Covitz commented on the ANJEC publications and his concern that Waretown's Environmental efforts are not being publicized. Mr. Covitz and Mr. Knowles volunteered to look into stepping up publicity efforts. Chairman Lippincott added that any ideas should be reviewed by Deputy Mayor Tredy. They can be sent through the secretary and tracked. Volunteers in the community may also want to be involved in some of these projects.

The Commission agreed that the tree ordinance sub-committee should meet and gather ideas/suggestions prior to Wayne McVicar's attendance at another meeting. A goal is to have Mr. McVicar attend March's regular meeting.

Secretary will provide a copy of the Community Forestry Program to the Tree Ordinance Sub-Committee.

Mayor Lachawiec spoke again with the Commission about several upcoming projects and ideas that he would like to see the Township Committee work on in the future.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Leaming and seconded by Jack Henderson. All in favor: (aye).

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Beth O'Connor  
Secretary