

OCEAN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

October 3, 2011

7:00 PM

Meeting began at 7:00 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 Asbury Park Press and the Press of Atlantic City. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

Roll Call:	Ed Covitz	Jack Henderson	Pola Galie
	Lorraine Flohr	Don Lippincott	Tom Leaming
	Heide Geary	Bob Knowles	Bob Knowles

Committeewoman Wetter was also present.

Chairman asked to take action on the minutes August 29, 2011. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mr. Leaming, seconded by Mr. Bynoe. All in favor: (aye).

Correspondence can be viewed in the board office. Mr. Henderson has typed up an article and forwarded by Bob Vossler of APP regarding the Clean-Up Walk.

OLD BUSINESS

Clean-Up Walk – Members find that there is not much trash on the trail anymore. Mr. Knowles walks with a friend who picks up trash along the route when he walks. The lake is a possibility next year if cleanliness continues at the rail trail. Mr. Bynoe and Ms. Galie also are aware of people who pick up trash along roads and the bay. The Commission was greatly encouraged by this.

NEW BUSINESS

Roundtable – Ms. Galie spoke regarding the roundtable. Everyone Ms. Galie has reached out to have been excited about the idea. The board of the Lighthouse is on board to host the event. ANJEC could possibly provide a speaker. Barnegat Bay Partnership would like to be a part of the planning. Ms. Galie has a future Eagle Scout interested in helping as part of his Eagle project. The commission feels out of the loop with various groups involved with the bay and thinks other commissions that touch the bay probably are feeling the same way. The idea is to gather these people to have a sharing of ideas and get up to speed with one another and get various bay-oriented groups to participate. Barnegat Bay Partnership suggested a poster presentation from all the townships on their accomplishments regarding the bay to date. ANJEC would help invite groups if we make a formal request. Mr. Knowles brought up a Waterways committee that met years ago. It was to be made up of the marina owners and the associations that have lagoons. Mr. Knowles would like to see that committee brought to life again. It was not a formal committee. Mr. Leaming updated the commission regarding the bay and his meeting recently regarding a conservation zone in Barnegat Bay. Barnegat Bay Partnership should be brought in early in the planning stages. Someone from ANJEC could be scheduled to

come to the sub-committee meeting. Rutgers and Drexell could give a presentation on their studies. Barnegat Bay Partnership could be a source of funding. Ms. Galie is chairing the sub-committee. The sub-committee will be Don Lippincott, Tom Leaming, Committeewoman Wetter, Ken Bynoe, Beth O'Connor, Martha Maxwell-Doyle from Barnegat Bay Partnership. Committeewoman Wetter will speak to Pola Galie to confirm the Township's position before any further plans are made. Whenever a subcommittee meeting is scheduled, the Township Committee will always be invited to attend.

Secretary reminded the Commission that the next meeting is a week early due to Halloween. It is scheduled for October 24, 2011. The rail trail people were contacted to come and speak regarding the newest portion of the trail, but no one has gotten back to the office yet.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Covitz, seconded by Mr. Knowles. All in favor: (aye).

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth O'Connor