

Corrected to exclude "Pinelands" in first paragraph – March 4, 2013.

Ms. Socha, 109 Brookville Road approached and spoke. She thanked the Commission for their efforts thus far in dealing with the bamboo issue. Ms. Socha's property does not fall in the wetlands. She had done that research previously.

The Commission agreed that the bamboo is encroaching on the other native plants in the area. After the Commission discussed this further it was decided that the ordinances should be gathered from local towns that have passed them and send a memo over to the Township Committee. Secretary will try to retrieve the ordinance from Toms River, and Mr. Covitz will check into Barnegat. A memo will be worked on to send to the Township Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Leaming to close to the public, seconded by Chairman Lippincott. All in favor: (aye).

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

The Commission had a brief discussion regarding Arbor Day and Founders Day and laurel and the lack of blooms. Founder's Day would be a good educational venue to distribute information on bamboo. Beach Plum Trees were a big hit and the Commission would like to do again. Chairman Lippincott brought the brochure to order and gave to the secretary to do so. The Commission would like to invite the beekeeper from last year to attend Founder's Day again. Coloring pages were suggested to pass out to the younger kids. Ms. Galie will check into Project Learning Tree that may have coloring pages that we could use. The older kids can write an essay and the younger kids could color. Or the winner of a drawing contest could be put on the clean-up day t-shirt.

Chairman Lippincott spoke about the storm and the new advisory base flood elevation. Mr. Leaming spoke about the bay and what is and is not in there from the storm.

A motion was made by Mr. Leaming to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Lippincott. All in favor: (aye).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth O'Connor
Secretary