

CHATHAM BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
April 9, 2014 8:00 p.m.

Chairman John Tancredi called this meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. in Room 212, middle level, Chatham Municipal Building. Mr. Tancredi announced that all legal notices have been posted for this meeting.

Name	Present	Absent
John Tancredi	X	
John Bitar		X
Cynthia Steffens		X
Dick Plambeck	X	
Ruth Dekker		x
Ed DiFiglia		X
Carl Cappabianca		X
Kate Murphy	X	
Len Resto	X	
Council Member Alida Kass		X
Liz Holler, Rec. Sec.	X	

Review/Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of March 12, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Correspondence/Articles

Mr. Tancredi signed off on a purchase order from Tivoli for decals. This p.o. will be forwarded to Mr. Mariniello, the Borough CFO.

Mr. Tancredi noted an article had been passed on by Mayor Harris: "Wyckoff's Green Team Reaches out to Businesses". Mr. Resto, who was familiar with the article, summarized it for the other Commissioners.

Liaison Reports

Planning Board

In Mr. Bitar's absence, Ms. Holler reported that the Board has made some amendments to their by-laws, regarding the Borough Sign Committee and its membership.

Borough Council

In Council Member Kass's absence, Mr. Resto reported that the Council recently held a vote on the Budget.

Open Space and Historic Preservation Trust Advisory Committee

Mr. Plambeck reported that a survey has been submitted on the County Open Space Program.

Community Garden

Mr. Plambeck reported that the Garden's water line is making progress. He discussed the lay-out so far of the garden plots. He also reported that Mark Kellstrom is hoping to do an Eagle Scout Project for the Community Garden. There are several potential projects for Mark to decide on.

Pending Business

Trail Clean-Up

Mr. Tancredi reminded Commissioners that May 3rd is Trail Clean-Up Day. Conditions at Shepard Kollock Park, particularly the parking lot, are not in good shape after all the winter storms. The parking lot has been used as a dumping ground for Main Street snow.

Bat Houses – Kelley's Pond

Mr. Tancredi reported that Griffin Kenny is now constructing his bat houses.

EV Charging Stations

Council Member Kass was not present to give an update on this project.

ANJEC Grant

Mr. Tancredi reported that the paperwork seeking this grant for Open Space was submitted the other day. Janice Piccolo submitted the application asking for a \$1500 grant from ANJEC. If approved, the grant money will be used to create a trail from Bonnell Street to Watchung Avenue.

New Business/Discussion

Green Fair – June 14, 2014

Mr. Resto volunteered to chair this event. He will get in touch with the vendors.

Trails

Commissioners would like feedback from Ed DiFiglia on this project.

A flyer will be done announcing the Trail Clean-up. Mrs. Murphy will post this flyer at Chatham High School.

Outreach

Mr. Tancredi explained that he would like the public to be made aware of the Environmental Commission and its projects. New members are always welcomed. Volunteers are always needed for Commission events. Mr. Resto offered to speak to the Kiwanis about the Commission.

On other matters, Mr. Plambeck reported that Eagle Scout Brian Goldstein has received the Hornaday Award. Mr. Plambeck has included Brian and his Eagle Scout Project in an article he had written for ANJEC.

Mr. Plambeck reported that he will be giving his Passaic River talk at the Livingston Senior Community Center on April 23rd at 8 p.m. He gave the talk recently at the Library of the Chathams and it was well attended and well received.

Mr. Plambeck reminded Commissioners of the dates and times of upcoming ANJEC gatherings.

At 8:45 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Environmental Commission meeting will be held on May 14, 2014, 8 p.m., Room 212, Chatham Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Holler

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Recording Secretary

cc: Mayor Bruce Harris