APPROVED MINUTES

CHATHAM BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
July 10, 2013 8:00 PM

Chairman John Tancredi called this meeting to order at 8:00 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
Joan Thuebel	X	
Ed DiFiglia	X	
Carl Cappabianca	X	
Kate Murphy	X	
Liz Holler, Rec. Secretary	X	

Review/Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of June 12, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Correspondence/Articles

Mr. Tancredi distributed the following pieces of correspondence:

- An ANJEC Report: Murder of the Passaic River
- The Commission membership list, the latest edition
- A purchase order from the Borough paying the Commission $350 to the Environmental Commission for the Community Group Clean-up
- Three new vendor applications for the Green Fair
- A letter from Mr. Falzarano, the Borough Administrator, regarding the new software being installed in the Borough Offices
- A memorandum from Janice Piccolo to Council Member Lonergan about a Tree Canopy Goal for SJ certification points
- A Resolution from the Borough Council approving Brian Goldstein's Deer Enclosure project near Kelley's Pond
- A current Commission budget report from the Borough CFO

Liaison Reports

Planning Board
Mr. Bitar was not present.

Borough Council
There was no Council Liaison present.

Open Space
Mr. DiFiglia said hopefully a meeting will be held either in mid-August or mid-September.

Community Garden
Mr. Plambeck reported that the trees and hangers have been cleared at Woodland Park. The Township Committee is requesting more information on certain aspects.

Green Initiatives
Mrs. Steffens was not present. A number of Commissioners had worked on the rain garden at Memorial Park.

Mr. DiFiglia reviewed the changes made for the Green Initiatives web site. Mr. DiFiglia and Ms. Murphy will work on revising the Environmental Commission's web site.

On other matters, Mr. Tancredi discussed a Sustainable Jersey $2,000 grant that is available. This is a capacity building grant to support valuable sustainability related activities in the Borough of Chatham, including the anti-idling program. Mr. Tancredi noted that Mrs. Steffens is asking the Commission to pass a resolution in support of the two grants – one for the electric vehicle charging station and the capacity building grant. Mr. Plambeck read aloud the resolution. Mr. Plambeck made a motion to approve this resolution supporting the capacity building grant and the anti-idling program. Ms. Thuebel seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The resolution was unanimously approved by all Commissioners present. Mr. Tancredi signed the resolution. A copy of the resolution will be e-mailed to Mrs. Steffens and Janice Piccolo.

Mr. DiFiglia noted that the next avenue for extension Sustainable Jersey will be for the schools. Later this month, Mr. DiFiglia will be attending a seminar on school projects. He will report back to the Commission.

The Explore Chatham Photo Contest

Mr. Plambeck reported that all openings for judges have been filled. Mr. Plambeck and Mr. Britt are currently looking for contestant prizes from local merchants.

Mr. Plambeck also reported that Borough interns Andrew Holloway and Charles Ross have completed their report on the Loop Trail which will involve both Chatham and Summit. A grant is being pursued on this matter. Equinox in Summit is interested in possibly creating a trail behind their building.

At 8:55 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Environmental Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, August 14, 2013, 8 p.m., Room 212, Chatham Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted:

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Recording Secretary

cc: Mayor Harris