



## **Environmental Commission Minutes July 14, 2011**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Robert Maggio, Rosanne Zagatta, Mike Mariani

Guests: Susan Balik, and Robert Meier

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Minutes –June’s 2011  
Motion by: Robert Maggio, Second by: Mike Mariani
- II. Water Reports Update – June 2011 water reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards.
- III. Cel-Earth-Bration 2011 Date - April 9, 2010 “Show You Care & Clean the Air”
  - a. Press Release Thank you to all participants for Cel-Earth-Bration – Rayna will send to the Hawthorne Press and Gazette
  - b. Bring original receipts for reimbursement for cel-earth-bration purchases in order to complete Purchase Orders - Complete
- IV. Eagle Scout Ceremony – Matt Chatten June 18, 2011 – Well attended event. Environmental Commission presented a Certificate of Accomplishment to Matt for his efforts of renovating the 8 Acre woods.
- V. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
  - a. Building Healthier Communities – Green Map “Interactive Walking Path Website” Project -
  - b. Anti-Idling Project – Signs arrived – Bob Maggio will work with the School System to request permission to post the signs.
  - c. Buy Local Campaign – Jointly with the Chamber of Commerce – June 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm Hawthorne Library – Meeting went very well. Presented the Green Map project and Hawthorne Sustainability Vision.
  - d. Green Fair – Sunday September 18, 2011; Raindate Sunday September 25, 2011 – Event will be held from 9 to 1 pm and music from 11 to 1 pm
  - e. **Next Green Team Meeting Monday July 25, 2011 at 7:30 pm at Hawthorne Library**
- VI. Grant Applications
  - a. Clean Air Cool Planet – Community Catalyst Fund – Green Map \$2,500 – On-going basis – Will be submitted by the end of July 2011
  - b. Sustainable Jersey Walmart – Green Team Capacity Building Grant \$1,000 Deadline July 22, 2011 – Team reviewed the draft application.
  - c. Green Map Organization - Green Map Consulting Application Deadline July 29, 2011. The information from the Clean Air Cool Planet grant application will be incorporated into the Green Map organization grant.
- VII. The College of New Jersey Students – Bonner Scholars Program – Application Deadline August 5, 2011. The basis of Sustainable Jersey Walmart grant application will be utilized for the college intern program application.
- VIII. Shredding Day – Saturday September 10, 2011 Hawthorne Library
- IX. Hawthorne Day – Saturday October 1, 2011

- a. Green Challenge – “Save Water” – Rayna is unable to contact Terri Spirito to coordinate the Green Challenge. Rosanne Zagatta will try to contact Terri.
  
- X. Public Notification NJDEP Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit – Rehabilitation of Warburten Avenue Bridge over Goffle Brook – Environmental Commissions has no comments on the permit application.
  
- XI. Report from Board of Adjustment
  - a. Patriot Development Update – June 20, 2011 – Revised conceptual plan for Patriot was presented. The new concept calls for a total of 24 units, three less than the original project and four one-family homes on the adjacent Minicozzi property. Bruce Katona, a professional planner and landscape architect, said the developers “have now decided to re-look at the site and reduce the environmental impacts.” The amended plan provides 24% increase in open space; that 1.6 fewer acres will be disturbed and less impervious coverage and fewer school age kids.
  
- XII. Report from Planning Board
  - a. 3 Mary Street Update – June 21, 2011 – Rayna on behalf of the Environmental Commission presented our comments to the Planning Board. The applicant was able to address our concerns appropriately. The Planning Board approved the application on June 21, 2011.
  
- XIII. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
  - a. Passaic County Department of Economic Development Totowa Business Complex 930 Riverview Drive, Totowa NJ Meeting on July 20, 2011 at 12:00 pm. Encourage commissioners to attend the meeting.
  
- XIV. **Next Meeting August 11, 2011 at 7:30 pm**