

Environmental Commission Meeting

Reorganization Meeting

Meeting Date/Time: 4 January 2007 – 7.35 PM
Meeting Location: Hutchinson Educational Center, Historical Society
Attendees: Roger Cook (Chair) Gary Grubb Yan Troizier
Larry Quattrone Barbara Jones David Zaiser
Paul Byrne Ryan Rosenberg

Absentees: Chayna Wilson Susan Bottino

The meeting was called to order at 7.40 PM by Chair, Roger Cook. No members of the public were present. The Chair announced that the meeting was in conformance with the Open Meetings Act having its date, time and location advertised in the Borough's newspaper of record.

Chairman Cook noted that Ann Fischbach will be a new member of the Commission although not present. Chris Toelg also will be a new alternate member but was not present..

Discussion Summary:

1.0 **Agenda Approval.** Barbara Jones to approve agenda. David Zaiser seconded. Approved.

2.0 **Election of Officers.**

2.1 Chair – David Zaiser nominated Roger Cook. Barbara Jones seconded. Approved.

2.2 Vice-Chair – This position will be voted on during January's meeting.

2.3 Secretary - This position will be voted on during January's meeting.

3.0 **2007 Calendar** – Chairman Cook distributed proposed calendar for 2007. It is as follows:

Thursday January 4, 2007 – Reorganization meeting
Tuesday January 23
Tuesday February 27
Traditional Spring Walk-About date to be established at 1.23 meeting
Tuesday March 27
Tuesday April 24
Tuesday May 22
Tuesday June 26
Tuesday July 24
Tuesday August 28 (tentative, to be determined at 7.24 meeting)
Tuesday September 25
Tuesday October 23
Tuesday November 27
Need for December 18 th meeting to be evaluated at 11.27 meeting
Thursday January 3, 2008 (organizational meeting)

David Zaiser to approve the calendar. Paul Byrne seconded. Approved.

4.0 Goals –

- 1 – Street tree planting – David Zaiser to submit plan including Municipal Maintenance Plan including street tree survey.
- 2 – Greenway Phase I plan to be completed with current modification due to rerouting, contracts to be drafted, bids solicited and contractors selected. Hopefully these issues with Turco can be resolved and that piece can be included. If it is, that opens the door for Peddie to bring a loop back to Ward Street on East Windsor land.
- 3 – Construction of Greenway Phase II following former railroad right of way were finalized in 2006. Some repairs are needed to an older section and more signage is needed.
- 4 – A brochure including a map of the Greenway needs to be developed.
- 5 – Apply for a grant for Greenway maintenance.
- 6 – Lake and stream pollution – continue monitoring and work on stream bank management if funds can be located. Review grant possibilities.
- 7 – Noise ordinance – Implement enforcement and public awareness campaign.
- 8 – Site plans reviews – ongoing with better cooperation from Planning Board.
- 9 – Continue the “Clean and Green Team” a community task force to develop programs with frequent activities aimed at improving the quality of life in Hightstown with attention to air and water quality and esthetics of landscapes.
- 10 – Environmental Commission community awareness – be present at Borough events and make presentation to community groups about our activities and publicize “Spring Walkabouts”. Barbara Jones suggested formalizing this 2 months in advance of all events for 2007 and full review in March.
- 11 – Set benchmarks for achieving the above 2007 goals.

Next meeting – January 23 – 7.30 PM

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8.46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Yan Troizier, Temporary Secretary.