

HIGHTSTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes for the 3.24.09 Meeting

Date: March 24, 2009

Time 7.30 PM

Location: Borough Hall

Present: Barbara Jones, Gary Grubb, David Zaiser, Dave O'Gorzalek ,
Fred Monferrat, Isabelle McGinty, Yan Troizier.

Public: Richard Pratt.

* The meeting was called to order by Barbara Jones.

* In compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

* February's minutes were not available for review.

* Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Richard Pratt introduces himself. He presented the possible Greenway link between Hightstown and East Windsor in relation with the Skate Park. It would also allow Hightstown High School students to get to school in a safer way.

Fred Montserrat (New Planning Board Liaison) introduced himself.

SHADE TREE MATTERS

The Borough asked for some 'weed' trees to be removed around the perimeter of the water treatment plant. They will be replaced by approximately 100 Arbovitae.

WALL OF TREES

The choice for the display would be the 50 leaves for a cost of \$ 500.00.

A form needs to be put together for the public to apply. It would be made available through the EC website and in the Newspaper.

CLEAN AND GREEN TEAM PROJECT

The Borough clean up is scheduled for April 25, 2009.

LINK to EW GREENWAY at PEDDIE LAKE

No update.

BUDGET

No update.

BUY LOCAL - RECIPES

The next recipe will include rhubarb.

MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT

Gary Grubb will become the point person.

PEDDIE SCHOOL LIAISON

The EC will write up a "job description" explaining the goals, responsibilities and duties of the liaison.

Mellany Alio was in contact with a Science teacher. Fred Montserrat will contact the guidance staff at the High School for advice on how to proceed.

The EC will contact John Green in order to establish some subjects (3) that should be studied in relation with the school environment.

WEB PAGE

A student/liaison should be involved to build and update the website. The EC website should be independent from the Borough's website.

Members will furnish articles and other material (pictures, maps) to be included in the website.

PARKS and RECREATION

In order to facilitate the flow of information, Larry Blake and Mayor Bob Patten will be copied on the EC minutes.

SUSTAINABLE NJ

The EC needs to gather a total of 100 points. Points can come from several actions such as - Presence of the EC at Town's fair - a Community garden - a Clean and Green Team. Each category gets points. It has to be reviewed and approved. The EC needs a resolution. Isabelle McGinty will write and share with EC members.

MOVIE NIGHT

Buy or rent a movie in order to acquire funds , "Taking Root". Possible date : June 1 st. Barbara Jones will work on getting the movie.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.05 pm.