



Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes - January 27, 2009

Members Present:

*Jay Arancio
Larry Belikoff
Barbara Daniello
Michelle Garay
Donna Maglione
Brian Zucker
Barbara Patterson*

Others Present:

Absent:

*Wilman Hutton
Ken Skillender*

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Donna

Administrative:

- Reorganization:
 - Chair - Barbara Daniello nominated by Michelle, seconded by Larry.
 - Secretary - Donna Maglione nominated by Michelle, seconded by Brian.
 - Planning Board Representative - Michelle Garay nominated by Larry, seconded by Brian.
- Motion to accept November 2008 meeting minutes-amended, by Michelle, seconded by Jay.
- Barbara introduced the new 2nd Alternate Environmental Committee Member - Barbara Patterson.
- Barbara confirmed our budget for 2009 is \$2,000.00. Budget to be finalized by Township Committee.

Correspondence:

- Barbara shared documentation from Dewberry, a company that provides professional services in facilitating the preparation of the Alexandria's Environmental Resource Inventory.
- ANJEC membership dues will be \$280.00, plus \$60.00 for the workshop and an additional \$20.00 for covering Carol Hoffmann under the membership with the EC. Total cost: \$360.00.
- Hunterdon County Park & Recreation's 9th Annual Earth Day is scheduled for April 25, 2009 at Deer Path Park in Readington.
- Highlands Coalition - Barbara received brochures, will distribute at the next meeting.
- South Branch Water Shed dues will be \$150.00 - agreed by EC committee to continue.
- Hunterdon Land Trust - donation of \$100.00 - agreed by EC committee to continue.
- Michelle shared the NJ Land Conversation Rally - good for education and networking. Speakers from Hunterdon Land Trust will be in attendance.
- Hunterdon County Breakfast Talks - Barbara asked Larry to upload information to the EC website.

Planning Board Report:

- Moving to one meeting a month due to inactivity in applications.
- Michelle shared the Highlands conformance maps.

Miscellaneous Reports – Old Business:

- ***Wind Energy Ordinance*** – Tabled for February 2009.
- ***EC Website Update*** – Larry and Jay met in December. Jay suggested loading pictures to the website; he would like to make the site more textural and graphic. Jay suggested we start gathering pictures of the area ie, trees, farms, etc., a montage of Alexandria Township locations. EC members to submit some photos to Jay by February 10, 2009.
- ***Township Park Recycling Cans*** – Tabled for February 2009 EC meeting.
- ***Logo Bags*** – A decision was made not to pursue at this time. Will re-address again for review prior to the Community Day event for this year.
- ***Monthly Township Recycling Day (Dump Day)*** – EC members agreed to continue to support and participate on dump day. Jay will be printing new badges for the EC members. Jay will also draft a sample of a post-card handout for distribution every month, bringing attention to the EC and some of our sponsored events. Included in this post card will be the EC's website. Barbara will send text to Jay for inclusion on the post card.

The calendar for the year 2009:

- ***Brian*** – February & December
- ***Larry*** – March & October
- ***Jay*** – April & November
- ***Donna*** – May
- ***Barbara*** – June
- ***Michelle*** – September
- ***Wilma*** – July
- ***Ken*** – August
- ***Hunterdon County Planning Board Award Application*** – Barbara submitted the application nominating Carol Hoffmann for the unwanted house park project. Larry was also instrumental downloading the pictures that depicted the process of the project. A total of over 40 pictures accompanied the application.

New Business:

- ***2009 Alexandria Township Community Day*** – Will be scheduled "tentatively" for June 13, 2009. Barbara will send out the confirmation of the date. Barbara will also be the lead for the event representing the EC.
 - Barbara will follow-up again on the Shop-Rite bags
 - Donna will follow-up on obtaining CFL's as a give-away or raffle item
 - Jay will bring his solar oven/other environmentally friendly objects
 - Jay will contact Rutgers Extension to discuss if they are interested in participating

Please provide any additional suggestions or other ideas for Community Day to Barbara

- ***2009 Well Water Testing Day*** – Larry and Barbara will coordinate and work together on this. April 18th is the date!
- ***Environmental Education*** – Brian contacted Diana Dove; he is awaiting a response. Barbara suggested that Brian contact the principal from the Lester D. William Elementary School for additional support. A date for the educational program planned for April.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:00 PM by Barbara and seconded by Michelle.