



Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes - May 25, 2010

Members Present:

*Barbara Daniello
Larry Belikoff
Michelle Garay
Ken Skillender
Wilma Hutton
Jay Arancio
Ralph Runge
Cynthia Kiefer
Ruth Cooper*

Others Present:

*Harry Fuerstenberger
Carol Hoffmann
Curtis Schick
Robert Reid*

Absent:

Meeting called to order at 7:34 PM by Barbara.

Administrative:

- Approve March 2010 minutes by Ken, Michelle seconded, passed.
- Asked the new members to discuss their qualifications.
- Put presentation by Elliot Ruga on website.
- Correspondence. Summer camp - place on website.

Special Presentation:

- **Elliott Ruga of the NJ Highlands Coalition gave a presentation on "The Implications of Highlands Plan Conformance: Alexandria Township"** Regional Master plan based on sound science as well as some policy decisions. Pinelands have lower property taxes and higher property values due to the regional master plan. Credits can be purchased and sold to a developer in a receiving area. Initial Highlands credit will be \$16K. Evaluate value of property based on 2004 values - dual appraisal - in and out of highlands. Growth constitutes 23% of the state total residential units.

Correspondence:

Barbara talked about the letter from ANJEC that is offering a webinar.

Planning Board Report:

- Michelle presented email report about Fair Share Housing element. Planner did remarkable job. How the numbers have been arrived at. Read the report and attend the special meeting this Thursday at LDW. Attorney and planner strongly advice to go over. Do the other members of the commission know these – asked Cyndi if she wants to get involved. EC should help with master plan review. Subcommittee to planning board was

in place in the past. Copy link for ecode from township website. David Banisch should walk us through the numbers and money for the COAH plan.

Old Business:

- Community Day - Planned for June 5th at 4 PM. Wilma has CFLs. Will ask Glen to collect all of the recycling cans. 40 chairs 7 tables. 3:30 all members (Wilma will not be able to attend). Snakes and scales at 5 pm. Delaware River basin- -no presentation. Linda will not be there for crafts. The bee guy should be there at 4 pm. Barbara will call him. Rutgers is coming (Jay will arrange). Jay will bring his solar oven. Porch lights from BPU will have CFLs.
- Garbage pickup - Cyndi suggested that the high school get involved. How much should their involvement be? Tabled until the autumn to address this. Ruth will suggest slogan.
- August - Larry, June - Ken, October - Cyndi. July - Ralph. Sept - Ruth, November - Wilma, December - Larry.
- Meetings - no meeting in June. Meeting place needed for July - Barbara will find a mtg place. July meeting at barn. August - no meeting.

New Business:

- Discuss sending letter to Township Committee on conforming to the RMP for the Highlands. (see above)
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Meeting adjourned @ 9:56 PM, Motion by Wilma, seconded by Michelle.

Amended 10/26/2010 per corrections offered by Ken, Michelle seconded, passed.