

# Roxbury Environmental Commission

## Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2017

### Attendance:

**Present:** Sonja Boon, Linda Alnemy, Richard Vetter, Jackie Vitiello, , Dave Los

**Absent:** Fred Hall, Tricia Fragale, Bill Beckendorf

**Public:** Ann Gale

**No Matters presented by public**

**No High School Environmental Club update**

### Administrative Matters:

**No budget update**

**Planning Board Update:** The master plan is being discussed by the planning board.

**Empty Seat:** seat is still open and new rules for alternate commissioners discussed.

### **Matters presented by Commissioners:**

-David received an email from Tom Seretis about Tom's Diner. He was asking about a community garden in town.

### Ongoing Projects:

-Request to present Environmental Commission on Musconetcong river

-Suckasunny Day 9/9. Application submitted. Display ideas were discussed

-Invasive plants spotted at the community garden. Discussed a way to inform the gardeners to look out for them.

-Fall meeting for beekeepers discussed details in the future.

-Garden:

-Groundhog issues, they are being trapped and relocated.

-Fencing to be laid to prevent pests from burrowing into the garden

-Open Gate July 15 and 16 completed. Planning to do it next year.

- Milkweed growing by the garden is for supporting monarch butterflies.
- Wood chips are needed for some of the paths at the garden. New source of wood chips being discussed.
- Permaculture Garden:
  - Some plants planted in February Doing well.
  - Discussed what to do about mowing the area, maybe go in to remove invasive species.
- Apiary:
  - Weedwaking needed to keep the electric fence clear, maybe a new solution is needed. The electric fence is there to keep the bear from coming back.

**Meeting Adjourned 9:45PM**