

**Roxbury Environmental Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
February 2017**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendees:**

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

**Absent:** Tricia Fragale, Bill Beckendorf

**Public:** Ann Gale

**Matters presented by the public:** Ann Gale has graciously offered to donate one thousand dollars for the specific purpose of buying compost and making fence improvements at the Roxbury Community Garden. The Environmental Commission wishes to thank Ann and her family for the generous donation.

**Matters presented by the Roxbury High School Environmental Club:** None

**Matters presented by the Commissioners:** The annual stream clean-up is scheduled for April 22, 2017.

**Budget Update:** No budget update in February.

**Planning Board Update:** Jackie drove to the Gentile site in Landing, that was mentioned in the January minutes and found no additional concerns for the Environmental Commission.

**Fenimore Update:** NJDEP wants to change the cleansing mechanism at Fenimore with new technology that is less expensive. Fred Hall tells the commission that would be acceptable only if the new mechanism achieves the same or provides better results.

In 2017, Roxbury Township is increasing its budget from \$9000 to \$41,000 for additional lead testing in all the public water sources.

**Open Seat Status:** Dave Los has been nominated to fill the seat vacated by Marty Schmidt. Fred Hall is seeking approval from the township council.

The commission offered Ann Gale the position of alternate environmental commissioner. Jackie inquired if anyone was interested in the open vice-chair position. They should contact her.

**Outstanding 2016 Minutes:** June and December were still not finalized.

**Rotating Secretary for 2017:** January- Rich, February- Dave, March- Tricia, April- Linda, May- Sonja, June-Bill, July-Dave, August- Rich, September- Tricia, October- Linda, November- Sonja, December- Bill.

**Public Outreach:** Sonja Boon volunteered to compile the 2016 ANJEC report. Projects include the Stream clean-up, Open Gates weekend at the Community Garden, and Old Suckasunny Day.

**Streams/Waterways:** The stream clean-up is scheduled for April 22, 2017 at the Black River Park.

**Monofilament Bins:** Richard Vetter volunteered the Boy Scout troop he is associated with to clean out the bins and draw a map with all the bin locations. (Horseshoe Lake, Black River, and Ledgewood Pond)

**Community Garden:** Linda along with three or four other Master Gardeners are going to be working on a demonstration plot at the Community Garden. The Rutgers Cooperative Extension office has demonstration plots in Roxbury, Morristown and Madison. The idea behind the demonstration plots is to document everything from planning to harvesting so the information can be shared with all of the community gardeners in Roxbury and around Morris County. All produce from the Roxbury plot will be donated to Roxbury Social Services.

Jackie was going to ask at the town if a survey was taken or could be taken at the permaculture garden so we can finish our landscape design. She also was talking to Rick Blood about getting the water line extended up to the apiary.

The Community Garden address is 281 Eyland Ave Roxbury, N.J. 07876

**Community Apiary:** The apiary bylaws will be distributed to each Beekeeper at the March 6, 2017 meeting to be held at the senior center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

The next meeting is March 9, 2017 at 7:30pm.