

Roxbury Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2017

Attendance:

Present: Fred Hall, Linda Alnemy, Richard Vetter, Jackie Vitiello, Bill Beckendorf, Dave Los

Absent: Sonja Boon, Tricia Fragale

Public: Ann Gale, Chris Rath

Matters presented by public during related project

No High School Environmental Club update

Matters presented by Commissioners:

-Gravel at the garden or weed control for the apiary is needed, money should have been allocated for it in the budget.

-Dave asked if there are demonstration plots at the garden. Suggested that master gardeners could take care of these plots to demonstrate what could be grown and the yield would be donated to social services. The plots would be taken care of at least once a week.

-Fred Hall, tree saplings were donated to the town from the New Jersey Tree Foundation and asked the commission possible locations around town for them.

Administrative Matters:

Planning Board Update - Commission was asked to comment on a site located at 210 Kings Highway. No major environmental concerns were raised.

Fennimore Update - No reports of H₂S spikes. Drainage has been improved around the site as well as more grass on top of the site. The Stream monitoring rating of the stream near the site has improved from "fair" to "good".

A stream testing grant is discussed.

Budget Update - From Chris Rath. The new budget from 2016 - 2017 was discussed. The new budget will use money from the garden to offset our expenses.

Open Seat Status - Marty Schmidt has stepped down and his open seat is planning on being filled.

Ongoing Projects:

Education and Outreach - Beekeepers Association at community garden

Streams and Waterways - Stream cleanup April 20, 2017 hosted by Raritan Headwaters Association.

Monofilament Bin - no update

Community Garden - Registration is going well, and demonstration plot will be reserved for Dave. Permaculture plans were discussed, survey needed to make sure garden doesn't cross property line. Some water pipes need maintenance and more pipes are planned for the the apiary and permaculture garden.

Ann Gale - Her father passed away and left money for use in special projects in the garden.

Apiary - Bylaws revised to be approved

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13.