

ROXBURY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Thursday November 12, 2020-Sr Center
Minutes

Convened 7:12 pm

Attendees: Bill B., Anne G., Jackie V., Steve , Tricia F., Fred H. Quorum achieved.

Pledge of Allegiance

Matters Presented by the Public

No members of public present

Matters Presented by the Commissioners

- Establish policy on what town supplies vs what EC provides for Garden and post so Gardeners are aware-drafted
- Planning board-review of Lakeside Blvd Rear application
 - Commissioners to provide e-mail feedback within the week
- Garden issues-3 plots for 1 gardener (approved by voice vote), sending a gardener a requesters email (recommend gardeners exchange info between themselves without commission involvement)
 - Linda to send Jackie gardener e-mail list as backup

For Review and Discussion

- How EC should address Garden issues presented by Gardeners
 - Issue presented to Garden Manager
 - Garden Manager to present to Commissioners
 - Commission to discuss at meeting and vote and decide as necessary with prepared response for GM to send out to Gardeners
 - Agreed by voice vote
- The Garden Manager does a lot, how can gardeners help? Proposed a committee consisting of a representative from each quadrant and a Commission liason.

Administrative Matters

- Budget updates-Remaining funds /Reimbursements/Approval/ANJEC dues-Dues paid
 - \$5000 requested for next year
Jackie will try to order lawn mower for apiary with this years funds
Owl boxes- we are on waitlist
- EC meeting updated on Town Calendar to new time of 7PM
- Planning Board Updates-see above
 - Also, new mall construction is slow, though Walmart is open
 - Proposed plan changes have brought up issues to be resolved
- Fennimore Update
 - Fred to request update on new scrubbers
Air and water sampling on schedule
- **Quorum tracking**
 - **2020** No Quorum-Feb, March (No Meeting April/May Covid) June(BB & LA absent) July (LA absent) August (LA FH absent) September (BB & LA absent) October (LA absent) **November (LA absent)**
 - **2019** No Quorum-January (DL, LA, BB); March (BB, DL, TF) April (AG, DL, BB) May (LA, BB,TF, DL) June (DL, AC, SB); July (DL, BB, TF) August (BB, DL, LA) Sept (BB, AG, LA DL) No meeting Oct, December (BB, LA, DL)
 - 2018 No Quorum-July, August, October, December

- 2017 No Quorum March, June, December
- 2016--No Quorum March, August, October & Nov 2016

Rotating Secretary—Minute Assignment 2020

January-Tricia Fragale-minutes received	July – Jackie (Garden location)
February- No Quorum	August - Tricia (Garden Location)
March - Anne Gale	September – No Quorum (Zoom)
April-No Meeting Covid	October-Steve-Sr Center
May –No Meeting-No Quorum & Zoom later time	November – Anne
June – Zoom Meeting No Quorum (BB, LA)	December –Need Volunteer

Ongoing Projects

- **Sucasunny Day**, Ideas needed for 2021-canceled for 2020
- Public Outreach/Education-Stream Clean-up cancelled-outreach is difficult with Covid
 - JV Sent **Spotted Lantern fly** talking points to Rox Register as requested at Sept meeting Published 10-15
- Spotted Lantern fly signage—TF 's son placed signs at parks for service hours.
- Web site updates
 - [Garden info sent to web manager](#)
- Owl boxes—out of stock—will be notified when available
- **ANJEC web seminars**
 - [Newsletter contains information about learning opportunities, which are included for commissioners in our membership fee](#)
- **Stream Monitoring for LB01 & FB 01 completed for 2020**
 - Due to Covid limited monitoring in 2020 and only by individuals quarantining together.
 - Confirmed LB01 and FB 02 on list.
 - [Results for year usually released in December](#)
- Community Garden-Need to respond to latest questions above.
- Permaculture Garden – no update
- Apiary-Push mower Reviewing.
 - [Could not have meetings due to Covid, but guidelines implement so that bees can be maintained.](#)
 - [Lanternflies are damaging bee fodder trees and shrubs](#)
 - [5 beekeepers currently utilizing apiary](#)
[State regs have limitations](#)
- New Commissioners—if anyone knows anyone interested please advise.

Close of Meeting 8:10 pm

Next Meeting-December 10, 2020