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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Monmouth County Environmental Council

Thursday, January 6, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

Monmouth County Planning Board Conference Room
Hall of Records Annex, 2nd Floor, One East Main Street
Freehold, New Jersey

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Fedosh called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE

Members present: DiLorenzo, Fedosh, Means, Reynolds

Members absent: Baker, Lucas, Morrissey, Thompson

Staff present: Waters, Connor

Guests present: Joe DiLorenzo – Najarian Associates

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: December 2, 2010

Minutes from the December 2, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Means motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. DiLorenzo seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Guest speaker, Joe DiLorenzo, provided the members with an overview on projects relating to the issue of heavy metal laden waste water generated from the power washing of the bottom of boats at marinas. He highlighted a pilot project at Dillon's Creek Marina, as part of the Clean Marinas program, which involves the use of eco-bottom paints on the bottom of boats eliminating the use of copper based paints.

5. REGULAR REPORTS

Planning Board/Staff – Ms. Waters noted the reorganization of the Freeholders will include the appointment of members to the Council. Andrew Lucas is up for reappointment and there are two vacancies due to the death of Ed Pitts and Cathy Oliver's decision not to seek reappointment. Ms. Waters is unaware of the persons named for appointment but will notify Council members once she is informed. Ms. Waters also informed the members of the need to designate an alternate Council representative to the STAC. Mr. Fedosh discussed the work of the Committee and Ms. DiLorenzo offered to serve as the alternate if required. Ms. Waters also informed the members of the Five Star Restoration Grant program applications for community based wetland and coastal restoration projects that are available until February 14th.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on Brookdale rain garden project – Mr. Fedosh discussed the December meeting of the stakeholder group and status of the project. He noted the next construction and planting will take place in the spring. He also noted the Brookdale project will be part of an upcoming roundtable presentation in March for the annual Land Conservation Rally to be held at Brookdale.
- B. February seal watch – Sandy Hook – Members chose Saturday, February 12th at 9am as the date for a seal watch field trip to Sandy Hook. Friday, February 18th at 2pm was chosen as a backup date in case of inclement weather.
- C. Upcoming meeting speakers – Ms. Waters noted the April meeting will feature a presentation by students involved in the “Stars Challenge” program. She also contacted the Parks System regarding a speaker and is waiting to hear back on a date for their presentation before the Council.
- D. 2011 roundtable – Members discussed potential roundtable topics that included energy and dealing with invasive species as well as water quality practices for Barnegat Bay that can be implemented in Monmouth County. It was decided to table the discussion until the February meeting.
- E. Parks inventory – No further discussion on this until after the Parks system presentation.

7. REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS

- **North Coast:** Ms. DiLorenzo noted Monmouth Beach will have their Sustainable Jersey kick-off on January 11th. She also stated that Monmouth Beach will be updating their NRI and are the recipients of a grant to change all the light bulbs in the town to low energy.
- **Bayshore:** Mr. Reynolds stated he has received a \$16k education grant from EPA targeted at smaller schools which will help fund 6th grade environmental field trips to Bayshore Waterfront Park that will take place in the fall. The purpose of the grant will be to educate the students on the estuary through various activities.
- **AmeriCorps:** Kayla Connor, Area 12 Watershed Ambassador, noted her completion of 26 presentations to 500 3rd and 4th grade students in Ocean Township schools.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public in attendance

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45p.m.