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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Monmouth County Environmental Council

Thursday, February 3, 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 5:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE

Members present: Fedosh, Lucas, Means, Morrissey, Reynolds, Thompson

Members absent: Baker, Coyle, DiLorenzo

Staff present: Waters, Connor

3. ANNUAL REORGANIZATION

A. **Election of Chairperson** – A motion was made and seconded to nominate Mr. Fedosh. There were no other nominations for Chairperson. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. **Election of Vice-Chairperson** – A motion was made and seconded to nominate Mr. Reynolds. There were no other nominations for Vice-Chairperson. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. REVIEW OF MINUTES: January 6, 2011

Minutes from the January 6, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Reynolds motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Means seconded the motion. Ms. Morrissey and Mr. Thompson abstained. The minutes were approved.

5. REGULAR REPORTS

Chairman – Mr. Fedosh reported on the recent STAC meeting noting that only Bradley Beach and Aberdeen did not have approved Stormwater management plans. He also noted a presentation to the STAC on a request by Trump National Golf Course for additional water for irrigation.

Planning Board/Staff – Mr. Means noted a resolution by the Planning Board supporting the study of the extension of the #7 subway line to Secaucus Junction as an alternative to the ARC tunnel. Ms. Waters also noted the Board's reorganization took place during the January meeting.

GHGRAC – Ms. Waters discussed the recent meeting of the GHGRAC during which the first two chapters of the draft Energy Action Plan were reviewed and discussed by the committee

members. Subsequent chapters will be ready for the committee to review in the next couple months prior to the entire draft review. She also provided an update on the GHG inventory she has been working on utilizing software to generate energy and emission reduction recommendations for the county facilities and the Parks system buildings.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on Brookdale rain garden project – Mr. Fedosh discussed the status of the project noting the concern for the piles of snow that had been plowed onto the existing gardens. He stated that as a result of this, the committee is reevaluating the locations of some of the proposed gardens. The next step will be for designs to be done of the proposed gardens with planting taking place in the spring. He noted the location of one of the proposed gardens will be on the High Tech campus with the staff and students taking the lead on the design and construction of the garden(s). 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 will meet at Sandy Hook in Parking Lot C at 9:00am on Saturday, February 12th for a seal watch field trip. Friday, February 18th at 2pm is the backup date in case of inclement weather.
- C. 2011 roundtable – Mr. Reynolds suggested holding a forum for the school communities and local organizations on ways to “go green” similar to a PTO organized “Go Green Night” that provides awareness to energy efficiency to adults and children. The event would focus on environmental activities and information for greening schools and other organizations. The target audience would include Principals, school boards and environmental clubs. Mr. Thompson discussed a similar annual event held by Rumson-Fair Haven High School. Mr. Reynolds suggested the possibility of inviting a member of the High School to discuss their event as part of the roundtable. It was also suggested to include Brookdale and Monmouth University as well as some of the municipal Green Teams. The suggestion was to target the Fall for the roundtable.

7. REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS

- **Inner Coastal Plain:** Mr. Lucas discussed the outreach Manalapan has done for their new co-mingle recycling program that includes an educational promotion on their local cable television station. As a result, Manalapan has seen an increase in their recycling rates. He also noted the cutback in the Farmland Preservation Program to \$500k by the SADC.
- **South Coast:** Ms. Morrissey stated that Wall Township will begin single stream recycling on April 1st. She also stated that the Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee will be touring the Lakewood recycling facility. She also noted that the Shark River Coalition currently rents the facilities at the Info Age at Camp Evans with plans to provide environmental educational programs to the public. In addition, the Coalition will be holding a Riverfest fundraiser for the Shark River cleanup on May 13th.
- **AmeriCorps:** Kayla Connor, Area 12 Watershed Ambassador, noted she will be working on a couple of partnership projects and stream cleanups in the near future.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public in attendance

9. ADJOURNMENT

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