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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Monmouth County Environmental Council

Thursday, March 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 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE

Members present: Coyle, DiLorenzo, Fedosh, Morrissey, Reynolds

Members absent: Baker, Lucas, Means, Thompson

Staff present: Waters, Connor

Guests present: Raquel Phillips – NJNG

Mr. Fedosh welcomed new member Denise Coyle to the Council following which she provided information regarding her professional and personal background. The members briefly highlighted some of their background and experience to Ms. Coyle.

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: February 3, 2011

Minutes from the February 3, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Morrissey motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Reynolds seconded the motion. Ms. Coyle abstained. The minutes were approved.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Raquel Phillips, Outreach Program Specialist with NJNG provided the members with information and updates on the SAVEGREEN Project rebates and incentives. Raquel also discussed some of her upcoming outreach opportunities as examples of potential collaborative efforts between NJNG and the Council.

5. REGULAR REPORTS

Chairman – None

Planning Board/Staff – Ms. Waters noted some of the agenda items from the Board's February meeting. Ms. Waters also reminded the members of the vacancy on the Council and to notify anyone who may be interested to complete the volunteer application on the County's website.

GHGRAC – Ms. Waters provided the members with an update on the status of the GHGRAC and draft Energy Action Plan as well as background information on the Committee for Ms. Coyle.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on Brookdale rain garden project – Mr. Fedosh noted the next meeting of the rain garden group will take place tomorrow, March 4th. He and Ms. Waters provided an overview of the project to Ms. Coyle.
- B. February seal watch – Sandy Hook – Mr. Reynolds provided a recap of the seal watch at Sandy Hook held on Saturday, February 12th, noting that a total of 75 seals, including a Harp seal in the wetlands, were observed by those in attendance.
- C. 2011 roundtable – The members discussed possibly holding the roundtable in October at the Summerfield School or Midtown Community School in Neptune. The event would focus on environmental activities and information for greening schools and other organizations. The target audience would include teachers, students, Principals, school boards and environmental clubs. Ms. Morrissey has ordered the Go Green Night kit to be used for planning the event. Ms. Waters has contacted Don Frangipane, Facilities Engineer regarding holding our May meeting at the Summerfield School.

7. REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS

- **South Coast:** Ms. Morrissey brought to the attention of the members Senate bill S1772, sponsored by Senator Sean Kean, which would designate Earth Day week each year to enforce littering laws. Ms. Coyle will check to see if there is a companion bill in the Assembly. Ms. Morrissey stated that the Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee will be touring the Lakewood recycling facility to observe their single stream recycling on March 7th. She also discussed an Eagle Scout's project to create a nature trail surrounding the Wall Township soccer fields. Ms. Coyle offered to provide State level resources and contacts for some of the issues the Council might be interested in.
- **Bayshore:** Mr. Reynolds noted the cancellation of the Bayshore Council's February meeting due to the public hearings on Liberty Natural Gas' LNG project; ultimately defeated by Gov. Christie resulting in the cancellation of the hearings. He also noted the Council's continued efforts to bring back the oyster restoration project in New Jersey waters that had been cancelled by DEP. He and Mr. Fedosh also discussed the ongoing efforts to remove the abandoned barge containing trash from the Shrewsbury River.
- **North Coast:** Ms. DiLorenzo discussed Monmouth Beach's newly formed "Green Team" as part of their Sustainable Jersey efforts. She also stated that she will be heading up the review and update of their ERI.
- **AmeriCorps:** Kayla Connor, Area 12 Watershed Ambassador, noted she will be conducting a volunteer monitoring training at Monmouth University on Saturday, April 9th. To date, she has conducted presentations at a total of 51 schools.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public in attendance

9. ADJOURNMENT

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