

WATCHUNG ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 25, 2013

Present: Jean Forlano, Pam Lewis, Karen Pennett, Don Pote, Andy & Jim Stout

Absent: Sondra Epstein

Special Guests: Heidi and Elaina Rubino

Chairperson, Jean Forlano at 7:30 PM, called the meeting to order.

Minutes:

February Minutes were approved as written

**** Tree Report** – 56/50 Valley Drive. Met all specifications, permit passed.

**** Planning Board** -- no meeting

**** Watchung Green Team** -- no meeting

****Miscellaneous**

*Karen brought a partial copy of the Bedminster Ordinance on Impervious Coverage. Don took the Ordinance to review and summarize to determine if any of the Bedminster Ordinance could be used in Watchung.

**Pam talked to the Tree Whisperer to set up a presentation to the public. The charge for the presentation is \$125, which includes an hour and a half presentation and half hour discussion. Pam also received his availability in May. There was some discussion about scheduling the presentation at this time. A vote was taken and was decided to hold off on scheduling the Tree Whisperer and explore other possibilities. Several movies were discussed as a possibility to present to the town. Movies included:

Chasing Ice, No Impact Man and King Corn. Pam was going to email more information on the movies to everyone.

* Heidi Rubino shared an article in newspaper, where the Master Gardeners, Chatham Township & Investors Bank partnered in a sapling program and grant. Pam & Don were going to research the details of that program.

**Tree Bank – There is \$10,000 in the account

Next meeting: Monday April 29, 7:30 PM at Borough Hall.

Adjournments--With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pennett, Recording Secretary,
Watchung Environmental Commission

