

Watchung Environmental Commission

Minutes

November 24, 2014

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

Absent: Sondra Epstein, Karen Pennett, Rob Gibbs

The meeting was called to order by Jean Forlano at 7:30 pm

Minutes

- October 27 minutes approved

Tree Report

- 33 Ridge Road – after several years the owner is appealing to the Boro to exempt him from completing the tree replacement plan. He contended that it is a financial hardship. Sondi provided a timeline since 2012 for his non-compliance. The Engineer office issued a notice of violation on 10/29/14 and asked that the commission for their recommendation of action against the homeowner. After much discussion, the commission agreed that the Boro should actions as written in the tree ordinance and file the violation with the municipal court.

Planning Board

No report

Correspondence

- No correspondence

Miscellaneous

- **Pollinator Garden**
Discussion was held on creating a pollinator garden in Watchung. Rob will check available space. One area mentioned for the garden was Spratford Park, on Somerset Street.
- Sondi would like to have the Bloom Time flyer added to the Environmental section of the town's website.

With no meeting scheduled for December, the next regular meeting: Monday, January 26 at Borough Hall. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Jean Forlano, Chairperson

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