

WATCHUNG ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 26, 2018

Present: Sondra Epstein, Karen Pennett , Joan Tak , Don Pote, Jim and Andy Stout

Absent Rachel Funcheon

Call to Order, Minutes:

January minutes approved with corrections

Member update: Maria Alberto will be the new Council member on the Environmental Committee.

Reports:

Recycling: While Rachael is on leave, Karen will take over the responsibility of collecting the bottle caps from the Library and delivering to Whole Foods. Andy will back up Karen. Jim volunteered to research bins appropriate for the egg carton recycling. Karen will look into the terra cycling bins

Tree Report: Sondra reported

50 Lakeview Road 3/26/2018, the owner of the property submitted a permit to remove the large pin oak tree in the front of the newly constructed house. The owner has brought in Iler Tree Service License # NJTC768442. Iler states the tree should be removed to prevent any danger to homeowners and neighbors under the tree. Building and grounds will bring a tree service person to look at the tree and determine if it should be taken down. The commission has deferred to the tree inspector as to the condition of the tree and whether it is a hazard

Spring News Letter: Joan submitted an article for the Watchung Spring Newsletter.

Planning Board: 35 Price Drive, request to divide property into two lots. This property extends from Price to Cardinal Drive. Review of this application was postponed due to possibility being changed to the Zoning Board is because it will be a non-conforming lot when they subdivide.

Green Fair

The Green Fair will be held on April 28 at Bayberry School. Joan will have a table on Bees. Along with the Bees, Joan will have bottle cap collection at the Bee table or nearby. Don volunteered to help with the Bottle Caps. If there are any questions or thoughts for the Green Fair, Michelle should be contacted.

New business

Milkweed Plants: ANJEC offered a limited number of free Milkweed Plants to Environmental Commissions. Karen submitted an application for the Milkweed plants and was notified that ANJEC had already given out their quota for this donation.

Shade Tree: Shade Tree announced they were no longer going to send out “paper/hard” copies of their Bi-monthly publication. Shade Tree publications will now be sent to members via email. Karen will contact Shade Tree to be sure they have the Watchung Environmental Commission member’s emails.

Fracking: Don reported that council reviewed and approved the Environmental Commissions’ request to join several other NJ communities to ban Fracking in NJ

Minutes: Each member of the committee is responsible for writing up their portion of the meeting, and submitting to the member responsible for the minutes within the first week after the meeting. The member responsible will then combine each member’s submission, make appropriate corrections and distribute for approval/revisions. Each member must submit their portion of the minutes within one week of the meeting being written up.

Respectfully submitted
Karen Pennett