



**MEETING MINUTES      Environmental Commission**  
**Wednesday, January 19, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

The Regular Workshop meeting of the Long Branch Environmental Commission of January 19, 2011 came to order at 6:35PM in the City Hall Caucus Room, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ, having been duly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act. Ceil Mancini, Vice Chair, acted for Mark Smiga.

Members Present: Ceil Mancini, Faith Teitelbaum, Rich Garlipp, Richard Lee, Jennifer Smiga (Alt.), Joy Bastelli (Council Liaison)

Members Absent: Mark Smiga, Carol Mellaci, Dick Honymar

Others present: Michele Bernich (Zoning Officer);

Green Committee Appointees: Buzz Baldanza, Christopher Benosky, John Tatulli, John Gregory, Coral Magbanua, Jerri Lynch, Eddie Thomas, Dave Roach

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

No minutes to approve

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Received phone call from NJNG asking to come to a meeting and do a presentation. Mark will call them and find out more info.
- b. ANJEC workshops coming up are free to EC members. Just need to sign up with ANJEC and let Michele know.

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Reorganization - Jenn Smiga is now an alternate. Joy Bastelli is a liaison to City Council. A revision to the ordinance establishing the EC is under consideration to state that there are 7 members and 2 alternates to the EC.
- b. Reviewed :
  - 1) State Legislation - for Environmental Commission
  - 2) Long Branch City Ordinance- for Environmental Commission
  - 3) LBEC – By Laws
- c. Green Committee update - Michele introduced the new members of the Green Committee and they each told a little about themselves. We spent time discussing the relationship between the Green Committee and the EC. It was decided that they need to keep within the City and EC visions for their projects. Ed Thomas is the liaison to the EC. The Green Committee was appointed by the Mayor and City Council for two years by the Jan 11, 2011. Memorialized by resolution.

5. REPORT OF COMMISSION'S PLANNING BOARD MEMBER - Ed Thomas discussed a project on Narragansett.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Environmental/Natural Resource Inventory (ERI)

- 1) Review Schedule - Michele handed out a Projected ERI Timeline and meeting dates as of 1/19/11 so we can keep on schedule from now until June, when the City submits final documentation and final vouchers to ANJEC. ANJEC said we could move the hearing date from the original date.
  - 2) Field Work status: delayed due to snow
  - 3) Public Hearing discussion - Faith will be the lead with Kerry, Jerri, Jenn and Michele helping out. The first meeting will be at 7PM on Feb 3, 2011.
  - 4) Urban Forest Map - Jenn will ask our consultants what information they need on the urban forest map. All maps that were given out by Wayne should be brought to the next meeting.
  - 5) Volunteer Hours Log - everyone turned in their logs for 2010.
  - b. Sustainable Jersey - The resolution to become registered passed in 2009. The application process for certification is a rolling process the city is undertaking.
  - c. Pesticide Free Zones (PFZ) / Integrated Pest Management (IPM) - We will try to get on the agenda at the City Council workshop on Feb 8.
  - d. Wind Turbine - a general discussion was held.
  - e. Water Quality - Richard talked about the 'poop' pipe status.
7. NEW BUSINESS
- a. Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association Resolution - Faith introduced a draft resolution which she sent to everyone for review. All five towns on the watershed will be introducing the same resolution to become a member of the association.
  - b. Annual Report - We'll Tabled until next month.
  - c. Grants
8. HEARINGS OF PUBLIC COMMENT - Vincent Lepore suggested that we tape for cable TV the ERI public hearing. He also brought up an issue of the bulkhead at Stella Maris but this is not in the purview of the EC.
9. OTHER: none
10. ADJOURNMENT -Ceil called for a motion to adjourn Rich Lee made the motion and Rich Garlip seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

By the order of: Ceil Mancini, Vice-Chair

*NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 @ 6:30 PM*