



## LONG BRANCH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, January 20, 2010  
TIME: 6:30 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mark Smiga, Faith Teitelbaum, Dick Honymar, Rich Garlipp, Richard Lee, Ceil Mancini

Members Absent: Jennifer Smiga

Others Present: Carol Mellaci, Jerri Lynch, Eddie Thomas, Michele Bernich

### 2. MINUTES FROM Dec 14, 2009

Motion made by RL to approve; DH seconded; all approved.

### 3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ANJEC Community Outreach Training is scheduled for Jan 29; JL attending.
- ANJEC Green Team Training Pt 3: Sat March 20.
- RL report on previous ANJEC telecon on how much permeable land is being developed
- Natural Resource Inventory upcoming; Eric Nathanson (Planning BD member) wants to help
- ANJEC gives us one free training event where we choose topic and they will train us on our site

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

#### a. *Natural Resources Management: Rain Gardens*

##### **Presentation by FT:**

- Need to get a better sense for what is required by NJDEP
- Get a base map USGS quad of site area
- Reviewed Green Team Volunteer letter; Emailed letter to potential volunteers
- Reviewed species list and costs

##### *What to do with Whalepond Brook/Takanassee Watershed:*

- Do we want to focus on this watershed?
  - Build a raingarden
  - Reduce pesticide use
- Need to identify funding sources; uncertain how much \$\$ will be allocated for green initiatives; consider parks budgets, public works, etc.
- Cannot generate our own money; cannot have a tree sale to raise funds

**b. Natural Resources Management: Stormwater**

- Stormwater Mgt Plan is available and has been approved by the state.
- (RL) Sent for info from several companies for stormwater controls; some costs are prohibitive; still looking
- Looking into UV treatment; particularly concerned with bacteria
- RL to follow up with Fred

**c. Energy Efficiency and Transportation: Alternatives to Wind Spire**

- (DH) Looking at other companies to install windspire

**5. NEW BUSINESS (MB, CM)**

*a. Summary of Energy Review Committee Meeting (MB, CM)*

- City Energy Review Committee has a representative from most city departments; met last week to update Mayor; debriefed on what EC is doing and what our interests are

*b. Mayor wants to identify a project that includes all aspects of what we are trying to accomplish.*

**6. COMMITTEE/LIASON REPORTS**

a. Community Partnership and Outreach

- Discussed Community Outreach

b. Energy Efficiency and Transportation

- Discussed Alternative Energy (see above); Budgets; Idling Policy

c. Natural Resource Management

- Natural Resource Management Need to pick a focus for EC; eg. Takanassee Lake, Jackson Woods
- May want to pick an event, Earth Day (April 22), Arbor Day (April 30) to plan an event.
- May want to meet with Tiedeman to discuss Takanassee

d. Municipality Operation and Maintenance

e. Land Use and Ordinances

- Discussed Sustainable NJ

f. Business Outreach and Local Economics

g. Planning Board

- (MB) Draft Master Plan to be posted on the web tomorrow.

h. Zoning Board of Adjustment

i. City Initiatives

j. Other

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Definition of lot coverage and impervious surface to be reviewed by EC during city zoning ordinance revisions

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

By the order of:  
Mark Smiga, Chairperson

### ACTION ITEMS

Number	Action Item	Date Due	Responsible Party	Comments
1	Need to get a better sense for what is required by NJDEP for Takanassee rain garden		FT	
2	Get quad sheet for Takanassee site		JL	