

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015 AT 7:30 P.M. (One week early)

**MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
OCTOBER 22, 2015**

Chairman James Ruff called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., it having been duly noted that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of which was sent to The Record and the Newark Star Ledger on the 31st day of December, 2014. Members present were: Jim Ruff, Kevin Avery and Peter Garvey.

The minutes of the September 24, 2015, meeting were approved. There were no meetings in July and August.

Correspondence received: None received.

Old Business:

Interpretive Signs – Jim Ruff received the two pedestals. He will hold them until the panels come. The panels are in production. He has the invoice for the remainder of the voucher for the panels.

Bird Count - Kevin Avery and Peter Garvey said they can run the Winter bird count. It is scheduled for December 12.

New Business:

Sustainable Jersey program - The link for the program is www.sustainablejersey.com. In order to participate, RP must, by resolution, appoint a Green Team. All members of the EC should be on the Green Team.

The Village needs to do a resolution and appoint members of the Green Team. It will then be easier to divide up the necessary requirements so that RP can get credit for many of the activities that it already does. There are projects such as the eradication of the knotweed, the nature preserve, eagle protection, public education, Earth Day, school projects, animal shows, etc., that just need to be documented so that proper credit can be given to RP so it earns the necessary 150 points. The goal is to be able to submit the application for 2016.

A copy of the 2015 Sustainable Jersey Master Action Tracking Spreadsheet was be given to the members and Commissioner Anlian to familiarize themselves with possible submissions. Deadline is June 2016.

Barbara DeLuca will contact Don and Joan Smith to get a bill for their services so it can be paid in 2015.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. (one week early due to Thanksgiving).

The meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca