

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M.

**MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
DECEMBER 14, 2005**

Maureen Nassan called the meeting to order at 7:15 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 on the 31st day of December, 2004, and to the Star-Ledger on the 31st day of December, 2004. Members present were: Madelaine Cappuccio, Dana Moaven, Maureen Nassan and Jim Ruff. Linda Quinn, Kathy Jacob, Steve Quinn and Barbara Frimmer could not make the meeting.

The minutes of the November 16, 2005, meeting were approved.

Maureen Nassan brought a sample of the calendar for members to look at. Maureen and Madelaine will proofread the calendar. Maureen felt that since the calendar was a good idea for the public that it would be a waste not to distribute one to all households in Ridgefield Park. There is not enough money budgeted to print the 5,100 calendars for each household. Maureen got a price of \$4,375.00 to print 5,500 calendars. It will take about 1-2 weeks to print the calendars. She spoke to Commissioner Anlian to see if another \$2,500.00 was available to print more calendars. The consultant will cost \$1,200.00 and mailing is probably around \$1,500.00 and the grant is only \$5,000.00.

The Commission will check with Sarah Warlikowski as to how to voucher the funds for the calendar.

A discussion was held on how to distribute the calendars. The Commission needs to find out how exactly much bulk mailing will cost and then it can see if there is enough money to print one for each household, which would be approximately 5,500. Madelaine Cappuccio will take a calendar to the post office to see how much it would cost to mail them. Maureen Nassan spoke to Alan O'Grady and was advised that the Commission could use the DPW's bulk mailing permit.

Earth Day for next year is scheduled for April 29, 2006. Barbara Frimmer will take care of getting the bags from Jim Pascale at IGA to be decorated by the students and distributed the week before Earth Day. Enrollment in the schools is as follows: Roosevelt and Lincoln – 375, Grant 225, St. Francis 300.

Maureen Nassan brought copies of the battery-recycling flyer to be distributed in the schools. Extra copies will be given to the schools and they will be asked to hang them around the building.

Meeting dates for 2006 are set as follows:

JANUARY 26

FEBRUARY 23

MARCH 23

APRIL 27

MAY 25

JUNE 22

JULY 27

AUGUST 24

SEPTEMBER 28

OCTOBER 26

**NOVEMBER 23 (THIRD THURSDAY)

**DECEMBER 21 (IF NECESSARY)

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca