

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M.

**MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 23, 2006**

Jim Ruff called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 16th day of December, 2005, and to the Star-Ledger on the 16th day of December, 2005. Members present were: Madelaine Cappucio, Barbara Frimmer and Jim Ruff. Dana Moaven, Linda Quinn, Kathy Jacob, Maureen Nassan, and Steve Quinn could not make the meeting.

The minutes of the January 26, 2006, meeting were approved.

Madelaine Cappucio advised that she spoke with the Mosquito Commission to invite them to Earth Day again. Jim Ruff advised that he confirmed with both HMDC and the Riverkeeper that they will have boats at Earth Day. Funds have been encumbered to: Snakes N Scales, Risky Business Band and Maureen Nassan for Earth Day. Maureen Nassan needs to turn in receipts and any leftover money to the Clerk's Office after she purchases the food for Earth Day.

Letters will be sent to all parties to confirm that attendance at Earth Day. Grant School PTA will be handling the food again. There will be no banner on Main Street this year as the Building Department has advised that permits will no longer be issued for banners after one fell down during a windstorm in December.

Principal Christopher Onorato of Grant School will be contacted about the students decorating grocery bags from IGA for Earth Day. Mr. Onorato will also be asked if the school messenger could pick up the bags from IGA and also return them to IGA once they are decorated. The schools will be sent instructions listing: Earth Day 2006, Riverfront Park on Industrial Avenue, Saturday, April 29 from 10AM – 4PM **PLEASE REUSE ME!** The purpose of the bags is to stress recycling to both the students and customers of IGA.

Madelaine Cappucio gave Jim a copy of the calendar to submit for completion of the grant. Jim also needs copies of all cancelled checks from the Clerk's Office as well as copies of all invoices from Maureen Nassan.

Maureen Nassan advised that there is going to be a Tree Walk on Saturday, June 3 at 9:00 a.m. Interested parties will meet at the municipal building on Main Street. Invitations should be going out shortly.

Maureen submitted an article on Earth Day for the newsletter.

Jim Ruff advised that he couldn't make the next three meetings. Barbara Frimmer wondered if the meeting night or time should be changed, however, the meeting date was already printed in the calendar. Jim said he would keep watch on his email for any messages.

An email was received from a resident concerning the debris on Main Street. This message was forwarded to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners and the resident advised that the message was forwarded. A copy of a letter sent to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners concerning the mosquito spraying was also received.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca