

Franklin Township Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 PM (following review of 8 plans submitted) and the Sunshine Law notice read. The roll was called. Present were: W. Andrews, J. Clyde D. Pydeski, A. Schmidt, D. Triggs, A. Vernick, P. Walitsky; and Council liaison T. Chase. Absent: C. MacIvor.

Chair's report: the plaque for Barbara Beringer is prepared (but unfortunately bears the date January 2011 rather than 2012. It was felt that since the plaque is for past service and should be OK. T. Chase will have the presentation scheduled for the Council meeting of Jan. 24.

No hazardous substance release reports were received, one wetlands determination letter.

The Commission has a vacancy for an alternate, that we will try to fill.

A. Vernick has been in touch with Rick Antes, Watershed Ambassador with NJ Water Supply Authority, concerning having a rain barrel workshop in the spring. Antes will come to the next Commission meeting. A date for the spring clean-up was discussed, probably Saturday, April 21, the day before Earth Day. Location of the clean-up to be determined (Ten Mile Run still needs trail repair).

The minutes of the meeting of Dec. 5 were approved, with addition of mention that the bridge over the Delaware & Raritan Canal at DeMott Lane was washed out by Hurricane Irene.

Web site: the 2012 meeting schedule is not up yet, the meeting time is still listed as 7:30, and the membership list has not been updated even for 2011. A. Schmidt will correct these issues.

Community gardens: John Walker has not yet provided the rewrite justifying the transfer of CDBG funds to the Naaman Williams Park garden. A. Vernick will contact him.

Sustainable Jersey: Councilwoman Sherman will present a proposal for 'community visioning' at the Council retreat meeting Jan. 29.

A. Vernick presented the Commission's list of initiatives for 2011, which members will take home to consider modifications for 2012 (many of the initiatives are ongoing activities).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.