Franklin Township Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes October 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM, and the Sunshine Law notice was read. The roll was called. Present were: W. Andrews, T. Biercz, J. Clyde, C. MacIvor, D. Pydeski, D. Triggs, A. Vernick, P. Walitsky and Council Liaison T. Chase. Absent: A. Schmidt.

Chair's report: he will prepare a draft of next year's calendar, after looking at the effect of holidays.

The minutes of August 20 and Sept. 10 were approved.

Three site plans were reviewed (one was for the Buddhist temple on Rte. 27).

Community gardens: A. Vernick talked with J. Walker: everything for the installation of the water line at the Naaman Williams Park garden was done before August 31. At this point J. Walker arrived, and confirmed the completion of the work. The next step will be emplacement of footings and erection of a pre-fabricated shed, which was acquired with funds remaining in the CDBG grant. The Commission should explore getting the resident superintendent of the senior apartment building to take responsibility for the garden.

2013 stream clean-up: J. Clyde is in contact with Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association to confirm a date for the spring clean-up. Possible sites were discussed, including Mile Run between Hamilton and Somerset Streets, which would require co-operation from New Brunswick.

Environmental Stewardship awards: a recipient for the individual award was chosen, but no top candidates for the group/corporate award have emerged.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.