

Roxbury Environmental Commission (REC)

May 12, 2011 Minutes

Meeting Commenced at 7:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

Present: Bill Benkendorf, Tricia Fragale, Linda Lutz, Jackie Vitiello, Martin Schmidt, Bob Schultz, Roberta Weiner

Absent: Mena Schultz,

Public: RHS Environmental Club advisors: None Present

Review of meeting minutes:

None to review. Minutes from the April 14, 2011 meeting taken by Bob Schultz not submitted.

Matters Presented by the Public

None Present

Matters Presented by Commissioners

Tricia Fragale—Rotating Secretarial duties-requested volunteer for May's meeting minutes. J. Vitiello volunteered for May.

J. Vitiello reported that Vitiello and R. Weiner performed water sample of the Ledgewood Pond. R. Weiner recorded results.

J. Vitiello reported submission for reimbursement for seeds and items for Library display.

R. Weiner-Reported that she met with High School Environmental Club and showed them 5 of the 7 sampling sites. Advised sampling will not be done at the Flanders and Toohey location due to safety/traffic issues

M. Schmidt reported that the Garden/Water shed is progressing and he is coordinating. Sunflower seed planting has begun. Will acquire signs to inform of "planted seeds." Also discussed need to acquire new spigots and hoses.

B. Benkendorf is assisting with sunflower seed planting and shed acquisition. Advised we will probably need more sun flower seeds to complete planting the filed.

J. Vitiello inquired if there was any news on Fenimore and if a plan has been submitted and or approved. The tress have been cut. Currently waiting for State.

Administrative Topics

Administrative Concerns:

Meeting Minutes for June – Roberta Weiner to take minutes for June 9th meeting.

Budget: Mena has been attempting to meet with Town finance. Need to follow up status with Mena. Diane is retired. EC needs a budget update to identify available funding for new structure.

Website: Site has been stripped due to some technical problems. Site is up and running now; 2010 minutes to be pdf'd and put on the site this week. Looking to add new pics – if anyone has any to provide, please send to Bob. EC looking to create a FB link on site as well as a frequently asked questions page.

RHS Environmental Club Update:

- No one from the group attended the meeting, but per Roberta Weiner they will be performing water sampling as part of HS project.

Planning Board Liaison:

- L. Lutz presented the Douma minor sub-divisions application. L. Lutz will prepare letter suggesting better utilization of property if project is more centered within the property perimeter.

Mail: Circulated among Commissioners during the meeting.

Projects/Activities

Community Garden/Environmental Center

- Registration complete.
- Plots need to be renumbered.
- B. Benkendorf to drop off compost. M. Schmidt to seek out mulch from County or Township.
- Building is down and we are seeking options for replacement.
- Water and hoses have been raised as an issue/concern by gardeners. Hoses were not in good shape and were two short. EC decided to install additional spigots with assistance from B. Benkendorf (one in front and one in rear of garden, as well as one near sunflower garden). EC will also purchase and provide new hoses.
- Community service folks scheduled to work at garden every Wednesday in April (except 4/14) and first week of May. List of projects/work should be provided. EC to arrange with DPW for tools to be onsite those days.

Plans for 2011/Events

- Assist Township with updates to plans, ordinances, etc.: Discussed with Chris Rath [see February Minutes].
- Stream Sampling: see above
- Library display: completed/closed action.
- Suckasunny Day: no discussion.

Next Meeting

June 9th, 2011.

Volunteer for next month's minute taking: **Roberta Weiner**

Adjourn

8:45 p.m.