

BYRAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

August 25, 2016 Agenda

Called to order and 7:30.

In attendance: James Myers, Michelle Rehse, Jim Reinhold, Catherine Varian, Steve Levy, Nora Amato, Lisa Shimamoto, Katie Parrish, Donna Koenig

Minutes for approval: June 2016 - Michelle, James

August 2, 2016 Special Meeting – Catherine, Lisa

Reviewed Planning Board Applications:

- 4 Shadybrook Rd., Block 57 Lot 53 addition

- Carpenter Rd., Block 238 Lot 508 – Recommendations
 1. Landscape plan for steep slopes
 2. Drainage System for driveway runoff – a catch basin/rain garden/drain installation at the lowest level of the driveway

Business:

- 2016 ANJEC Environmental Commission grant – Donna met with Navitend to go over plans for the new trail website. Ian at Navitend is working on it and will notify us when it's formatted.
- Share the Woods signs – Called several different divisions of the state and county park system to get information about posted signs (James had sent a couple different examples). Donna to discuss with Joe how he wants to handle posting signs during hunting season.
- Retention Basins – Donna to ask about DPW “No Dumping” signs at storm drains and retention basins and also to find out if any DPW employee(s) monitor and/or maintain the basins, specifically the one at Brookwood Rd. and 206
- Sussex County Day –September 18, 2018, No EC members available that weekend -- but will email/call me if anyone's schedule changes.
- NJ Highlands Coalition – do we continue our membership? This is an organization that works to protect the water quality in the Highlands area as well as NJ's cultural, historical, and natural resources. They ensure the HL regulations are enforced. If we want voting member status, we need to delegate someone to attend the meetings which are held 10 AM the fourth Wednesday of every month in Peapack. A non-voting membership allows the coalition to advocate for NJ's Highlands, and will keep us informed of what they do. For more info, go to highlandscalition.org. We can vote on membership in September.

- Septic Management - program and fee, tabled for when Dave is in attendance:
- Recycling Postcard - work with BOH for 2017 dates
- What Not to Recycle flyer - Donna to call Re-community to get up-to-date info
- Byram Day:

Set up: Donna, Jim, Nora – **BRING CHAIR**

11-12/1:00 – Jim, Michelle

1-3 Catherine

3-5 Steve

4- Take down – Lisa, James

Donna will have ready for set up:

1. EC banner, duct tape, candy and bowl
2. Seedlings, dirt, shovels, pots, paper towels/wipes
3. ANJEC - Habitat Protection Game
4. Map of lakes, easel, answer sheets, box, pens
5. Flyers – Trail maps, 50-Miler info sheet, Storm Water info sheets, Recycling postcards, Rain Garden flyers, Butterfly Garden flyers, What Not to Recycle flyers, info on well water testing, etc.

Trails:

- Discussed what trails were in need of maintenance – September meeting, set up a trail work day for a weekend in October.

Expenditures and budget:

- Memberships: \$565 for membership dues (ANJEC, MWA, NYNJ Trail Conference, Arbor Day, & Shade Tree) of our \$2600 budget.
- \$200 to Conserve Wildlife for Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration.
- \$75 for Byram Day - \$25 for seedlings from NJ State Forestry Services, \$50 for Sunnyside gift cert.

Reports from committees:

1. Musconetcong River: Michelle – nothing to report
2. Open Space Committee notes:
 - a) Tamarack Park to open in spring 2017
 - b) New consultants for our Forestry plan
 - c) Gamsky trail needs to be identified and marked
3. Council: Dave

4. Board of Health: Dave

Adjourn - 9:30