

CORRECTED**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

March 20, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order on Wednesday, **March 20, 2019** Vice Chairperson Nicholas Murray at 7:02 P.M at the Borough Hall. The Roll was called by Secretary, Ann Kassahun.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Felong, Monteleone, Murray, Dermody, Tulloss, Ashburner-Alt 2

Absent: Hartley, Ticktin, Margotta-Alt 1

ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING STATEMENT:

To show that proper notice of this meeting has been given, Vice Chairperson Murray stated that the minutes indicate: "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, by filing with the Borough Clerk, by posting on bulletin boards at the Roosevelt Borough Hall and Roosevelt Post Office, and by publication in the Times of Trenton and in the Asbury Park Press on **February 7, 2019.**"

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: None**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Ms. Mary Tulloss and seconded by Ms. Kim Felong to approve this evening's Agenda. This was unanimously accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Mr. Nick Murray and seconded by Ms. Heidi Monteleone to approve the **February 27, 2019 minutes** with correction made on **page 6** under **Forest Management**, first line, changing "*Tickton*" to "*Ticktin*". Correction on **page 7** under "**OLD BUSINESS, Sustainable Jersey for Schools**", change this title "*Sustainable Jersey for Schools*" to read "*Sustainable Jersey for the Municipality of Roosevelt*". Take out the paragraph adjusting it to read: "Motion was made by Mr. Nick Murray and seconded by Mr. Matt Margotta that these three members (Mary Tulloss, Kimberly Felong, and Heidi Monteleone) form a Sustainable Jersey Committee to help us obtain credits for the Municipality. We will submit a letter of support to the Roosevelt School for their Sustainable Jersey School's Application." This was unanimously accepted by the members with these changes.

We will have further discussion regarding Sustainable Jersey later in this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Mr. Hartley was absent, no report

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON: No report

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative - No Report

Forest Management - Mr. Murray reported that the second kiosk has been constructed near the cemetery. The people from the State took our suggestion and put the kiosk a little further up the Trail. He said that it looks good. Regarding our Community Forest Management Plan, we are still checking the DEP website for grant information, could use the money. We still need a couple of volunteers for more class credits. Ms. Kimberly Felong will check this further; it is needed by the end of this year. The DEP website can be checked for information. We need to generate a final Report for the Recreational Trails Grant. Mary Tulloss will check her records. They are checking chairs and benches; some of our puncheons have floated away. Mr. *Ashburner* mentioned that someone has dumped concrete in our woods close to the Trail; this will be reported to Ana in the Borough Hall.

Invasive Plant Species - No Report, Mr. Steve Taylor absent.

Stream Monitoring - Ms. Mary Tulloss reported that soon she will start contacting our folks as Spring arrives. She has seen fish, but nothing she could identify. Of interest, she saw an animal just yesterday, looked like a mink! She looked it up on-line; found out that they eat frogs and ducks.

Sustainable Jersey - Chair Ticktin had suggested that we need a Committee to help us with Sustainable Jersey business. **Sustainable Jersey is in two sections: Schools and Municipalities.** The Committee will be *Sam Ashburner*, Kimberly Felong, and Heidi Monteleone. Motion was made by Mr. Nick Murray and seconded by Mr. Sam Ashburner that these three members form a Sustainable Jersey Committee to *help the Borough receive credits* to receive credits and that we submit a letter of support to the Roosevelt Public School for their Sustainable Jersey School Application. This was unanimously accepted by the members. Former Chairperson Eitan Grunwald had a lot of information that will be checked.

OLD BUSINESS:

Butterfly Garden - The new *butterfly* garden will be placed on the north side of the Borough Hall property (toward the back).

NEW BUSINESS:

Recycling - *Many people are interested in recycling. There was concern expressed about improper recycling, despite the information in the Borough Bulletin article. There was agreement we would include a recycling activity (table with permitted items and table with nonpermitted items) at the town 4th of July Celebration. Ms. Mary Tulloss will be the game co-ordinator. They do not do this well! This could become a town project. More on this soon!*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, on motion by Ms. Kim Felong and second by Ms. Mary Tulloss, this meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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