

2014	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	SEP	OCT	NOV
M. Herzberg, Chair	P									
D. Rasmussen, Liaison	P									
A. Dohl	P									
J. Schaffer	P									
B. Weeks	P									
B. Strom	P									
D. Hirsch, Planning Bd.	P									

Key: P=Present, A=Absent, Gray Box= Minutes Assigned/Taken

## January 2014 Reorganization Meeting

Dorothy called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Tom Rudel has resigned. Dorothy is looking to replace him and has been in discussion with someone who may be interested. Beth and Joe were reappointed to the commission and Dan was reappointed our liaison from the Planning Board. Mark was then subsequently reelected chairperson.

### Minutes of previous meeting:

- Gulton property – the wetlands status – remove sentence.
- Last paragraph of greenway –grant was approved for \$90K from New Jersey Together to publicize the greenway.
- Wattling, not rafts for Tommy's Pond.
- Metuchen Green Drinks takes place at Breezes Cafe.
- Mark to send changes to Tom to finalize.

A schedule for taking minutes was agreed to, see schedule above. Approved minutes are to be forwarded to the borough clerk directly (kharris@metuchen.com)

### Correspondence

1. None

Question about paying dues for ANJEC, is the town doing this?

### Open space inventory

1. Open Space Inventory needs to be updated, not done since 1970
  - a. Schedule parks inspection in the spring, perhaps mid-March. Include Edgar woods, invite Judy Graziano, teacher at Edgar School. If we identify something that needs major work, perhaps that could be scheduled for Earth day. Inform DPW ahead of our inspection and see what would help them in marking/recording problems/issues; construction tape, spray paint, etc.

### Greenway

1. Dismal swamp commission meeting yesterday – EPA approved cleanup of Woodbrook dump and study along the Bound Brook.

2. Middlesex County is interested in purchasing the 12 acres from Gulton of useless land that can't be developed. This parcel abuts the greenway extension. This is a big chunk of the swamp that is in Metuchen.
3. Have Alison come to one of our meetings to discuss plans for NJ Together grant.

### **Dismal Swamp Grant**

1. Need to schedule Grant meeting in February with Dorothy, Brian, Bob Spiegel and John Wiley (attorney for the Dismal Swamp Commission) about what info can be gotten from county (item 2) and how that affects funding for the grant. Suggested to include Joe in the meeting. Can the town get a GIS product, subscription based, pools data into one place, tree commission could use, building dept, police., etc. Middlesex County does not have a complete system. Someone who works for the town would need to take ownership of the system.
2. Need to discuss what specifically the grant money would get used for and what use could be made of the info the county may get as part of the purchase.
3. Joe had forwarded info about costs for software (\$2000/yr for 5 users????? – in Joe's old email)
4. Dates for meeting – weekday after 6? Dorothy to ask John for meeting dates first.

### **Recycling**

1. Recycling –What can we do to encourage more participation? Can we do better educating children (Campbell)? Children influence their parents.
2. Getting the data on recycling numbers/\$'s – get that info out to the public, monthly – on the web site, other Borough official channels, etc.
3. Recycling of electronics - Small items are not accepted and items need to be brought to the recycling center. Need to have a discussion with DPW about how we can make this easier for residents so that they don't place electronics in with the regular garbage.

### **Other**

1. Mosquito commission meeting that never happened? Perhaps include John Wiley from swamp commission. Mark to contact the Mosquito Commission to reschedule.
2. Discussion concerning the Greenway Extension and our next steps. Should we ask for a meeting with Congressman Pallone, perhaps after the Gulton property is acquired by the county. Have county involved, swamp commission, various stakeholders in one place, some one from Menendez's office? Petition signatures went to Menedez's office.

### **New business**

1. Planning board – reorganization meeting tomorrow.
2. Green drinks February 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Next meeting**

1. Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Angela Dohl