

Minutes of the Special Metuchen Environmental Commission, June 16, 2010

Present: Ann Sardone, Brian Weeks and Arline Zatz.

Absent: Kathy Busch, Pat Donahue, Mark Herzberg, Tom Rudel, Steve Toth, Mike Vissichelli and Will Waldron.

The meeting began at 7:10 p.m. in the Council board room.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes from the previous meeting (May) were reviewed but, lacking a quorum, were not approved.

Correspondence: Those in attendance had no correspondence to review.

Old Business

- 1) Thomas Park Pond: No report.
- 2) Planning Board: No report.
- 3) Dismal Swamp: No report.
- 4) Greenway: No report.
- 5) Dog Park: No report.
- 6) Recycling: Discussion that the Borough should consider enforcing separation of recyclables by each household to reduce the amount of solid waste that Borough taxpayers must pay to dump at the Edgeboro Landfill.
- 7) Edgar School and Pool Parking Lot: Brian reported that the trees are in good shape and some members of the public have commented that they enjoy them.
- 8) Open Space: No report.
- 9) Global Warming: No report.
- 10) Energy Audit: Brian reported that he has reached out to photovoltaic ("PV") vendors for information about installing a PV system on one or more Borough buildings as well as financing arrangements. The Borough may be able to participate in one of the programs run by the State to enhance energy efficiency. He could use guidance from the Council on its intention to pursue this opportunity.

New Business

- 1) As per the request of the Borough Council and Mayor, the Environmental Commission began research and discussion of the proposed hauling of municipal solid

waste from New York City to out-of-state landfills by barge and train rather than by truck. The train may use one of the railroad lines through or near the Borough. The attached draft sets forth the facts we have gathered to date. the Environmental Commission will continue to gather and discuss additional information to report to the Borough Council and Mayor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brian Weeks, Acting Secretary