

West Cape May Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2017

Call to Order: 6:40 PM

Roll Call: Tom Bocket, Susan Crossan, Joe Grottola, Chris Isenhardt, Trish Miller, Hilary Pritchard (chair), Louise Zemaitis

Absent: Barbara Lamb, Harriet Wilson

Minutes: A motion was made by Hilary to accept October's minutes and seconded by Chris.

Treasurer's Report:

As of October, there is a balance of \$23,866.66.

Balance reflects the \$1993.80 purchase of Geobins for the Composting Workshop.

The 2016 audit revealed a \$291.54, which was removed before September's balance. The original source of the error is unclear to WCM EC members.

A motion was made by Chris to accept October's Treasurer's report and seconded by Trish.

Planning Board:

The discussion about the hotel on Block 4, Lot 4 will be continued at December 12th's Planning Board meeting. More time is needed to hear everyone.

Old Business:

Green Team - There was a suggestion for a bicycle rodeo with West Cape May Elementary.

Farmers Market 2017 - There was concern that if there is a new administration after the upcoming election, the Farmer's Market funds would be effected.

Open Space lot on 3rd Ave. - The lot has been mowed by WCM Public Works. A small patch of milkweed and fennel was preserved, as directed by Trish.

The money allotted to NJ Audubon for treatment of invasive plants will be paid out by the WCM EC treasurer.

Coordinated Bicycle Path Initiative/bicycle safety initiative - The Cape May Bicycle Path committee is meeting every two weeks. Will meet with Cape May City

Council next week. Shared road/bike path will require slower speed limits (25 mph for entire island).

There were many good suggestions made at to the WCM Commissioner's meeting.

ERI - Chris suggested that there be a joint meeting between WCM EC and WCM Planning Board in order for members to gain a better understanding of the ERI and it's purpose.

Trish suggested that Debbie provide a digital file of maps with a finer scale for details (including lot and block overlay).

Chris will send an email to Debbie with map requests and ask that she attend a future WCM EC meeting.

Composting Workshop - It was agreed that Linda Conover's Composting Workshop presented subject matter that was a bit too scientific for the general public. The hands-on displays had more impact then the slide presentation.

It was decided that there will be another date in the future. Linda will be asked to be less in-depth with her subject matter.

New Business

Trish and Joe went to the NJ Living Blueprint Program presentation (The Nature Conservancy and Rowan U) at the WCM Commissioner's meeting on October 16. They learned about the compilation of mapping technology which helps to identify important natural area's to be preserved. It is estimated that the state of NJ will be built out by 2050. There are still important areas in West Cape May which can be preserved.

The Sustainable Jersey Luncheon & Workshops will be on November 14th.

Winter Programs - Chris suggested Shredding Days, in conjunction with Geobins. Other recycling options were discussed (ie electronics).

Kid's Movie Night - Trish Miller and "Golden Eagle Huntress" on Friday February 2nd.

"Golden Eagle" program for adults on Friday, March 23rd

Louise will contact Mark Garland about doing a Monarch presentation.

Chris made a motion to adjourn, Susan seconded. Adjournment: 8:05 pm

Minutes prepared by Louise Zemaitis

Next meeting will be December 6th, 6:30 pm