

**Norwood Environmental Commission**  
**September 8, 2014**  
Minutes

**8:12 pm Chair calls regular meeting to order**

Christine waives the reading of the Open Public Meetings Law.

**Roll call**

**Attending:**

**Christine Hageman, Chair (201)835-5687**

**Jean Hanley, Secretary**

**Jim Elling, Vice Chair**

**Barbara Vanderbeck, Treasurer**

**Paul Haberman**

**Frank Marino, Council Liaison**

**Not Present:**

**Paul Kozel**

**Laurie Hageman**

**Dave Elling, Hist. Pres. Comm. Liaison**

**David Yoskowitz, Planning Board Liaison**

**Consent Agenda:**

August 11, 2014 Minutes – approved.

A discussion ensues about the native tree list that Paul needed for the Site Plan Review Committee.

**Correspondence:** approved

**Smoke-Free Parks** – They did not talk about it at Council Work Session Wednesday. Frank has already written a resolution that he gave to the town attorney in June, to be discussed by Council later. Frank thinks that it is going to be passed with no problems, (few objections). GASP (Global Advisors on Smoke Free Policy) is the organization that wants us to write a letter of support. Discussion ensues. The State bill has passed legislature and is awaiting Governor's signature, so action may be awaiting this decision.

**Announcements:**

**PB Meeting** next meeting is on 9/18/14

**ZBOA meeting** next meeting on 10/2/14

**Old Business:**

**PB Applications:** Landscaping Plan for Longhorn Homes (D'Ercole Farms) Subdivision – 3 species of tree was changed to be native species as we recommended. Paul handled this while Christine was away. Christine commented on a few things that were overlooked in the rush to redo the plan; some trees were planned to be planted over drywells, one of the tree keys on the plan still needs to be changed, they may try to claim that they added trees to the plan, but really just forgot to include 2 trees on the original plan. She also commented on the fact that one lot did not have a tree while every other one did and thought they should have a tree, too. Not sure if these last comments made it into the final plan.

ZB Applications: n/a

Fox Hill Woods – DEP permit engineering proposal approved by Council, \$2600 for existing survey copies, wetland report and they have finished reflagging the wetland, confirming that it had not changed since the previous flagging (7years ago). The DEP walkthrough for our approval needs to be done and the copies of the sealed plan. Christine just needs the wetlands flagging and the copies of the reports and surveys. We did not get a chance to do the 200' notification (2 private lots, rest municipal) for the reflagging, but one is a vacant lot and one is a parking lot, so it almost doesn't apply.

**Finance Report** – pending

**Spring Cleanup status** – scheduled for Saturday 9/13 from 9am to noon. We have not heard back yet from any groups about their participation. Plant walk with Paul Tappenden soon to be scheduled. We need to do more outreach. The Rain Garden needs to be spruced up. Christine, Jean & Barbara will go over soon to clean it up. We would love to get a sign for it with a key to the plants. A discussion ensues about the types of signs available. We want it to be a temporary sign.

We have \$1000 that we can use to buy replacement plants for the fox hill meadow invasives species clean-up and replanting project if we need replacements. We can also just move existing natives growing near-by to stabilize the soil on the edge of the slope.

**Sustainable Jersey** - Fleet Inventory update accepted, but we have to submit fleet management data in November; Barbara took pictures for the luncheon that we need to send by October. We need a picture of the rain garden, once we clean it up.

**Norwood Day** - Sept 20, 2014 from 2 to 6pm – need 2 tables (Jim will bring them) and our tent. Jean & Barbara will come 4-6, Jim & Christine will do the full 4 hours; we want to spend the clean energy money on CFL and LED bulbs (half & half) to give away to the residents. We could do an energy efficiency display to go with it if we want to. We need to make a display on the trails to educate people about our trail project (outreach). We could maybe blow up the pdf picture for the display. We have \$540 left in the account that we need to spend.

**Health Fair** - Sept. 27-10 am to 1 pm – they provide the tables. Community Center we could give away radon kits, but Norwood is tier 3 (low for radon) and they are not giving them away anymore so we might not want to do it (there is funding available, but there are forms and hoops to jump through that we do not have time to do this year). The soil testing kits are fairly inexpensive (so we will get 25-30) and we will also get some hand-outs on soil health. We will do the Storm-water management information, which we should have enough hand-outs already. We could do information on rabies and Lyme/tick borne diseases. Anti-idling is another topic concerning health. Barbara will make 30 copies each of the tips for clean water, energy (light bulbs) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> one on the OneChange site.

**Farmland Preservation Plan** - Sept. 9 Public Hearing Comments/Input in the County Hearing – Jim, Paul. It was not reviewed so we cannot comment tomorrow. A discussion ensues about how we do not have any farmland left to speak of.

**New Business:**

**PB Applications** – n/a

**ZB Applications** – n/a

**ANJEC Grant Report** – Christine did it and submitted it. She forwarded it to all of us.

**2015 Earth Fair Meeting/Green Team Meeting** - tentatively scheduled for next week. A discussion ensues about directions to Stone Point Park. We could plan additional time for Green Team Meeting on selected date to go over expenditure of grant (Earth Fair and Health Fair needs, Norwood Day, Community Garden or Fox Hill, Rain Garden?) A discussion ensues about how to get a new google doc to use for 2015. A discussion ensues about how the expansion of the Community Garden is overwhelming for the personnel that are committed to this project. Walter might want to just work at MEVO next year to donate to the food pantry. We could schedule a day to work on the garden and round up a bunch of volunteers to do the job, but he has not given us any dates. Christine also offered to reimburse him for the costs incurred in setting up the test lot, but he has not given us the receipts.

**Open Discussion:** none

**Next Meeting – October 13, 2014**

Motion to adjourn the meeting is unanimous.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:22PM**

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**Chair**

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**Secretary**