

Westwood Environmental Commission
Approved Minutes February 22, 2010 - Prepared by C. Waneck

Attended: Gregory Mountain, Yash Risbud, Christine Blaney, Michael Ruane, Skylar DeHaan, Councilwoman Cindy Waneck

Absent: Pierre Biscaye, Chris Balfe, Lukas Bernhardt

1. New Student Members were introduced, DeHaan and Berhhardt
2. Martha Lieblich of ANJEC attended as guest speaker
 - a. Discussed role of Environmental Commission
 - b. Presented projects of Leonia Environmental Commission
 - c. Presented materials from Website and ANJEC
 - d. Suggestions by Ms. Lieblich:
 - i. Involved with Shade Tree
 - ii. Comment on relevant Planning and Zoning Board Applications
 - iii. Environmental Inventory
 - iv. Co-Sponsor Cleanups
 - v. Participate in Local Events, Earth Day, Arbor Day
 - vi. Focus on 2 to 3 projects
3. Roundtable discussion by members – expressed their two primary interests:
 - a. Christine Blaney: -Education - Green Challenges, Watershed Management - Borough rain barrels
 - b. Gregory Mountain: K-8 Education - teaching in school classrooms
Environmental Inventory
 - c. Mike Ruane Alternative Energy Waste Reduction
 - d. Skylar DeHann Day to Day Awareness/Education
 - e. Yash Risbud Water Turbine and Solar Energy, Education
 - f. Cindy Waneck - Sustainable NJ Certification, Environmental Building Incentives
4. Actions:
 - a. Using the primary interests expressed, the commission agreed to the following as priorities for 2010:
 - i. Education/Environmental Awareness,
 - ii. Alternative Energy Sources

- iii. Sustainable NJ Certification,
 - iv. Commission will also review the Energy Audit recommendations when they are presented:
- b. C. Waneck will contact M. Urbiel of Library regarding Earth Day and Shade Tree liaison re Arbor Day and pass information on to C. Blaney for subcommittee. C. Waneck will invite Bergen SWAN to March meeting, and C. Waneck will prepare Sustainable NJ Green Team proposal.
 - c. C. Blaney will head up subcommittee re education projects, will work with Gregory Mountain and Skylar DeHann on proposals for Earth Day on April 22nd with possible joint efforts with the Library and/or Shade Tree as well as proposals for participation in Westwood Pride Day on May 23rd
 - d. Y. Risbud and M. Ruane will prepare proposal for Alternative Energy ideas