

Westwood Environmental Advisory Committee

Monday Sep 19, 2011
Approved Minutes



Attending: Christine Blaney, Kevin Brennan, Gregory Mountain (*Sec'ty*), Michael Ruane (*Chair*), Connar Odell
Regrets: Chris Balfe, Michael Pessolano, Yash Risbud, Cindy Waneck
Guest: Kevin Odell

Ruane called mtg to order at 7:40pm
Minutes of previous mtg approved + seconded

Rain Barrels

delivered to Boro Hall; 2 have been installed

Community Garden

Brennan noted that Westwood applied for \$10K grant from Bergen Open Space Trust Fund to start a permaculture-based community garden
money needed to buy kits for raised bed plantings
will need, foster community involvement
produce could go to food bank donations
could find room on town land adjacent to DPW
deadline ?Jan 11, 2012?

ANJEC (Assoc of NJ Environmental Commisions; <http://www.anjec.org/>)

Ruane asked if EnCom wished to renew
need quorum (not present) to vote

Solar

Mike Murphy (Pascack Valley Solar Co) was expected to have rpt/eval of DPW site
Ruane will contact Murphy and see if there's still interest

Thermal Camera

camera owned by Fire Dept
Chief declined offer to explore developing program of imaging private homes

Sustainable New Jersey

town has reached the Bronze level of 150 pts; next threshold is Silver at 350 pts
Blaney reported the Green Team is developing list of activities to work towards Silver
Ruane noted Silver by Aug'12 means some deadlines as soon as Apr 2012 to ensure success

New Business

Ruane noted Battery Backup Supply could power police cars while otherwise idling on duty to comply with New Jersey's anti-idling ordinances
Ruane reported Waneck asked Police Chief; reply = backup power inadequate to maintain lights

Next mtg: Oct 17
Mtg adjourned 8:20pm