

Westwood Environmental Advisory Committee

Monday November 29, 2010
Approved Minutes



Attending: Pierre Biscaye, Gregory Mountain (*Sec 'ty*), Yash Risbud, Michael Ruane (*Chair*), Cindy Waneck
Visitor: Jay Sciara (Town Council)

Ruane called mtg to order at 7:35pm

Minutes of previous mtg approved + seconded

Sustainable New Jersey (Waneck)

Town is 1 of 63 municipalities in entire state to achieve Bronze status
1 of 4 in Pasckack Valley
another 4 have Silver
Bronze = 180 points; Silver is 350 ... obvioulsy we have a long ways to go
benefits of Bronze
we're eligible for WalMart grants
can get phone-call advice, support for sustainability issues
we need someone to tabulate
what we've done to achieve Bronze status (easy)
what options/suggestions are available for new actions that would get points (not hard)
evaluate feasibility for options and prioritize (takes work)

Green Team (Waneck)

last meeting Nov 19
use of environmentally sound cleaning fluids in schools under review
recycled cooking oil project
need a catchy name
logo suggestions (provided by EnCom) were discussed; no conclusion
energy audit
cost of outside audit will be reimbursed
\$20K for action on auditors' recommendations will be paid by State
stream turbine
EnCom has authorized \$2K
Spring 2011 installation expected
necessary permitting in progress
rainbarrel program was discussed
residential thermal imaging program
Town owns some IR cameras
Fire Chief will attend upcoming EnCom mtg and discuss

Stream Turbine (Risbud)

Town has authorized up to \$2K startup
2 Cooper Union undergrad students are engaged in Spring 2011 installation, monitoring

Farmers' Market (Ruane)

Veteran's Park

Saturday - once per month? per week?

High School contact (Risbud, Mountain)

Risbud, Mountain met with Murray Perl (Science Dir, WWHS)

Perl had prior experience with talented science students capable of added challenges

Perl interested in getting top students involved in outside applications of classroom study

Perl would like to know what environmental activities EnCom might sponsor in next year

Mountain to poll EnCom members for reasonable ideas + return list of 2-4 to Perl

should involve 1-4 students preferably in project during academic year

school has Environmental Club that might provide shared interests

Membership (Ruane)

we expect 2 student members of EnCom will arrive soon

Kevin Brennan + one other

regrettably, Pierre Biscaye has to withdraw from EnCom

the Committee thanks him for his service, wishes him well, and hopes to be able to call

on his expertise regarding Town environmental issues when necessary

Next mtg: Jan 10

Mtg adjourned 8:40pm