

Westwood Environmental Advisory Committee

Monday May 17, 2010
Approved Minutes

Attending: Chris Balfe, Christine Blaney, Gregory Mountain (*Sec'ty*), Yash Risbud, Michael Ruane (*Chair*), Cindy Waneck
Absent: Pierre Biscaye, Skylar DeHaan, Lukas Bernhardt



Ruane called mtg to order at 7:45pm

WW Pride Day 10-5pm Sun May 23

all available EnCom mbrs to show up 9am near train station
space is first-come / first-served; set up near Town Council table
we are 1 of 16 registered groups w/ display
from Ruane (Balfe to pick up Saturday)
table + tent (10' x 14')
fold-out, free-standing table-top display, Velcro-gripping surface
banner: 4' x 1' saying "WW Env Adv Comm" ± logo?

Mountain will email draft versions for EnCom yes/no
Ruane will print

from Waneck
chairs

from Blaney

250 copies 1-page "Green Pledge"
draft version distributed to EnCom; well received
will email to all this week for comments
to add web address, signature space, optional suggestions
word-smithing
logo? same as display banner (see above)
will entitle pledger to re-usable grocery bag
1/household; need not be Westwood resident
EnCom name printed in green on each bag
Blaney had sample bag for each EnCom mbr
pledges entitle Boro to SustainableNJ points
physical scaled model of working groundwater recharge/discharge/stream

Stream Cleanup

follow-up last mtg re: resident rpt of refuse near Berkeley school
Balfe cleared debris from around Westwood Rd. bridge
desk, 5 gal can, grocery cart indeed there + v difficult to dislodge, remove
very little other litter; predominantly very small in size

recommendations

not appropriate for large teams of volunteers at present

revisit possible cleanup by volunteers in drier Fall season

Blaney got advice from Hackensack Riverkeeper re: cleanup campaigns

contact Boro for Certificate of Insurance before taking any action

be sure to have permission of property owners along banks

have dumpster available

Waneck

attended PVA mtg on regional waterways

reported to EnCom on "De-slag / De-silt" efforts

ineffective if not coordinated btw municipalities sharing common stream

even after expensive effort, if infiltration << runoff, flooding remains

should consider other actions before / in addition

rain barrels

rain gardens

limits to installing impermeable pavement

Green Team

on May 4 Council passed Resolution to create a town Green Team

Blaney will be EnCom's regular member

Waneck will email draft resolution to all EnCom mbrs

Minutes of previous mtg approved + seconded

next mtg set for June 28

mtg adjourned at 9:00pm