

## Westwood Environmental Advisory Committee

Monday Nov 21, 2011  
Approved Minutes



**Attending:** Christine Blaney, Kevin Brennan, Gregory Mountain (*Sec'ty*), Michael Ruane (*Chair*), Connor Odell, Michael Pessolano, Yash Risbud John Sciara (for C. Waneck)  
**Regrets:** Chris Balfe, Cindy Waneck

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

### Rain Barrels (Ruane)

2 installed: Library + Boro Hall  
discussion followed regarding effective use of the other 2  
High School?

barrels not used during winter; could display near garden under construction  
take back in Spring for outdoor use

Risbud suggested a display model, with pictures, to show the use + benefit  
Odell mentioned LeGrand's in Westwood is a TrueValue franchise + could stock/sell rain barrels

#### action items:

all: develop additional ideas for use of the 2 barrels  
Ruane: contact BCUA for fact sheets, elements of a possible display  
Brennan: to explore possible display at school  
Risbud+Mountain: contact Murray Perl for comment

### Turbine Project (Risbud)

2 new personnel now working on turbine project at Cooper Union  
permitting issues

Blaney recommends we get clear Y/N from DEP before going further with plans  
permitting might be easier/quicker if installation were in flood fringe, not stream center

### Solar

Mike Murphy of PvSoCo has not responded to repeated requests for contact with EnCom  
Blaney asked if PSE+G has list of other solar PV vendors

#### action items:

Ruane suggested Blaney look at Bd of Public Utilities  
Ruane will look elsewhere online

### Community Garden

Waneck distributed email notice from Open Space Trust Fund that Boro garden proposal was rcv'd  
Y/N decision expected in Jan 2012

### Green Team (Blaney)

Karen \_ prepared outline of 27 actions that could earn sustainability points toward Silver  
several require 1 yr of documentation, so not all can be achieved by Aug 2012  
EnCom identified 4 items to endorse / lead (see handout of Sept19)  
Community Education + Outreach

Energy Education + Outreach

Sustainable Land Use Pledge

Sustainability Issues Incorporated Into Town's Master Plan

Blaney mentioned Rick Woods estimates only 40% WW residents recycle

discussion followed wrt impact of private haulers serving apartments not using DPW

Blaney suggested some on EnCom could be effective ambassadors of recycling/green issues

discussion led to considering occasional contributions to WW Newsletter

[action item](#)

all: bring 3 education/outreach ideas to next mtg to engage EnCom more visibly/effectively  
such areas as a land use pledge, energy conservation, etc.

### **High School involvement**

[action](#)

Mountain+Risbud: contact Perl+Sauter and invite one or both to an EnCom meeting

### **Ambulance Corps Garden (Brennan)**

mulch has been laid down over a biodegradable card stock underlayment

Brennan will write a 500-1000 word article for the WW Newsletter describing purpose, location

Next mtg: Jan 18, 2012

Mtg. adjourned at 9:10pm