

Alloway Twp Environmental Commission February 8th, 2016 Minutes

Alloway Municipal Bldg

49 S. Greenwich Street, P.O. Box 425, Alloway NJ 08001-0425

Attendees: Chairman Joe Mahar, Members Francis Ponti, Aaron Warren, Anne Sullivan, Chris Gilbert (arrived about 7:45).

Members Absent: Autumn Angelus in whose absence AS took minutes. Craig Kane, Vicechair of Planning Board/Environmental Commission liaison. No members of public present. Without AA, review of Jan. minutes postponed until available. In her absence, but with her suggestion, Member Angelus was selected to be 2016 secretary unanimously.

Meeting was called to order promptly at 7:35 pm. Chairman Mahar introduced agenda, specifically noting the Emerald Ash Borer's (EAB) attack of usually resilient native white fringe tree. Due to grafted fringe tree to ash rootstock, borers take advantage of new source. NB: If purchasing Fringe tree, ensure grafting source, or buy seedlings.

Correspondence: Joe Mahar relayed 3/18 NJ Conservation Land rally invite. To register, go to website: rally@njconservation.org. Workshops 8-6, Wyndham Garden Hotel, Trenton, NJ. Sliding fees.

Planning Board: When cancelled as many PB meetings have been, what comes before PB, and our roll in same was discussed. AW explained some approvals bypass municipalities, yet endure rigorous review on state level. Example of Taffett Goat Farm, Block 26 lots 2& 3, whose 2015 PB approval to become licensed kennel was discussed. Township ordinance 480 amended/passed. Public hearing held on November 19th to reflect changes in Chapter 58, article I, of The Alloway Code titled Dogs and Animal nuisances.

Science Essay Topic: With Mayor's visit Jan/2016, and request to review convenience center rain tarp/keep water out of weighted waste charged at landfill, FP proposed recycling/trash theme. JM discussed Zika virus option, or possibly tie into vector diseases/ what students think could slow transmission. JM will email Mrs. Dilks, AT 8th grade Science Teacher regarding annual essay/poster contest continuation. Dilks needs time to develop curriculum for meaningful participation in contest.

New Business: With FP's encouragement, AW surfed web, and found some raincoats for dumpsters online, which we will forward clerk for Mayor's review per Mayor's request for EC input in helping reduce Township trash fees. (Update: printed out info, put into Mayor's mail bin. AS 2/9/16)

Meeting Adjourned: AS motioned for 9:10 dismissal, JM seconded. March meeting 3/8/2016 @ 7:30.