

January 21, 2015

The Reorganization/Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:30 P.M at the Borough Hall. The Roll was called by Secretary, Ms. Ann Kassahun.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Bonna, Esakoff, Grunwald, Lowrie, Oatis, Ticktin, Tulloss

Absent: Van Salisbury-Alt 1, McBride-Alt 2

Ms. Kassahun stated: "Let the minutes show that adequate notice of this meeting as required by Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 of the Open Public Meetings Law has been provided by posting notice on the public bulletin board at the Roosevelt Post Office and Borough Hall. A copy of this notice was e-mailed to the Asbury Park Press and the Times [Trenton] for publication and filed with the Borough Clerk on **January 7, 2015.**"

**APPOINTMENTS:**

The Council re-appointed **Mr. Michael Ticktin** as Council Representative to this Commission, 1-year term 1/15-12/15. Also re-appointed at the Council meeting were **Ms. Diane Lowrie** and **Ms. Christina Oatis** to 3-year terms 1/15-12/17. Re-appointed also was **Ms. Danielle Van Salisbury**-Alternate 1 to 2-year term 1/15-12/16; she had completed 2-year term vacated early by Mr. Eitan Grunwald 11/13 for regular member slot vacated by Ms. Shelly Waltz when she retired/moved 10/13. That regular term ended 12/14.

Note that Ms. Stacey Bonna had been appointed Regular member back in 11/14, said term being 1/13-12/15. Note also that Mr. Louis Esakoff is our Planning Board Representative. All positions are filled. Regular terms are three years and Alternate terms are two years.

**OATHS:**

Oaths were completed by Mr. Michael Ticktin, Ms. Danielle Van Salisbury and Ms. Diane Lowrie.

**REORGANIZATION:**

Nomination was presented for Election of Chairperson for 2015 by Secretary Ann Kassahun as follows:

**Chairperson:** It was moved by Mr. Michael Ticktin and seconded by Ms. Mary Tulloss that **Mr. Eitan Grunwald** become Chairperson. There were no other nominations. This passed unanimously. The new Chairperson, Mr. Grunwald, now presided over the rest of the Reorganization.

**Vice Chairperson:** It was moved by Mr. Louis Esakoff and seconded by Ms. Mary Tulloss that *Ms. Diane Lowrie* become Vice Chairperson; there were no other nominations, so this passed unanimously.

**Secretary:** It was moved by Mr. Louis Esakoff and seconded by Ms. Mary Tulloss that *Ms. Ann Kassahun* continue as Secretary; there were no other nominations, so this passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Louis Esakoff, seconded by Ms. Mary Tulloss, and passed unanimously that the Environmental Commission will continue to meet at **7:30 p.m.**, that the Commission continue to meet on the **third Wednesday** [when possible] of the month for the year 2015. Meetings for each month will be posted in the Borough Hall and at the local Post Office. The Commission accepted unanimously that the year 2015 meetings will be as follows:

**Regular Dates**

February 18, 2015

March 25, 2015

April 15, 2015

May 20, 2015

June 17, 2015

July 15, 2015

August 19, 2015

September 16, 2015

October 21, 2015

November 18, 2015

December 16, 2015

Motion was made by Mr. Louis Esakoff and seconded by Ms. Mary Tulloss that the **Asbury Park Press** [daily county newspaper] and the **Times** of Trenton [widely-read daily newspaper] be the **official newspapers** used for public notices; this passed unanimously. [Note: Planning Board Attorney Donato has stated that meetings must be noticed in two newspapers.]

On motion by Mr. Louis Esakoff and second by Ms. Mary Tulloss, this Commission agreed unanimously to end the 2015 Reorganization and go into regular session.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Mr. Louis Esakoff and second by Ms. Mary Tulloss that the minutes of December 17, 2014 be accepted. The minutes were accepted with correction on p. 32 under South Valley Road Repairs, line 7 “more drainage structures, recycling.” To read “*more drainage structures.*” And on p. 33 under Recycling, 5<sup>th</sup> line from bottom of page, “New member Stacy Bonna” should read “*Member Mary Tulloss...*” On p. 34 under Herbicide, omit last three sentences “Mendies Farm is in the area. However, they were to cut this growth. Now we have more growth.”

**PUBLIC:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:**

Mr. Louis Esakoff reported that the Planning Board meeting was last night and they reorganized. The new Chairperson is **Mr. Jim Alt**, new Vice Chair is **Mr. Ken LeCompte** who moved from Alt-1 to Regular member and also is the School Board Representative. **Mr. Lou Esakoff** moved from Alt-4 to Alt-1 and is the liaison between the Planning Board and the Environmental Commission. New member **Kevin McNally** is Alt-4. There was some discussion of Ordinance 97 regarding codification; Planner Tom Thomas will be asked to help.

**REPORT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:**

Mr. Michael Ticktin, Council Representative to this Commission, reported that the Council reorganized, no significant changes. The Mayor made appointments to the Planning Board and Environmental Commission at this Council meeting. Mr. Eitan Grunwald added that a Draft of concerns and questions regarding the proposed improvements to **So. Valley Road** was sent to the Clerk for the recent Council meeting. He inquired if there were any answers yet. Mr. Ticktin said they will be reviewed and addressed.

**NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:**

South Valley Road Repairs - See Council Representative Report.

Sustainable New Jersey - Mr. Eitan Grunwald reported that the Rutgers' Report has not been received yet. Ms. Mary Tulloss called attention to fact that **school projects** can earn points for certain activities. Ms. Diane Lowrie is active with the local school and will look into coordinating this with Earth Day. Ms. Mary Tulloss also mentioned a Princeton newsletter that mentions a program that people can have an **energy analysis** of their home done for \$49. Mr. Esakoff said that PSE&G and JCP&L will do this for free. He will check this for the February meeting.

Environmental Resources Inventory (ERI) – Chair Grunwald informed the members that Dr. Hartman is working on the **ERI Report** and it is hoped she will be at our February 18 meeting with a preliminary draft. The real work will begin when we consider what we can do about the things identified that need to be dealt with. The ERI is coming in under budget which is a good thing. We hope to have Dr. Hartman come again and the public will be invited.

Grants - Vice Chair Diane Lowrie told this Commission that Roosevelt **missed the Trails Grant** by just a half point, but we are trying again. Mr. Lou Esakoff commented that E. Windsor Township receives at least 50% of grant money for their projects. He saw a list that the County and State have grant money which is available to small communities for such things

as infra-structure. Mr. Ticktin added that the Council deals with this and that Borough Engineer Carmela Roberts helps us with grants. .

### **OLD/OTHER BUSINESS:**

Recycling - Ms. Mary Tulloss mentioned that it is difficult to get recycling information about what is recycled and what is not; but she has a contact with Monmouth County and will follow up. It was felt that the **local school** might be able to recycle milk cartons, if they do not have wax or plastic coatings. Unfortunately, it seems they are not suitable. Many people are using plastic bags to hold items, which the recycling plant does not want. A suggestion was made to take the lids off items and be aware that **only #1 and #2 plastics** are to be recycled. It is hoped that an article and flyer on “Recycling” will be in our next Borough Bulletin.

Bulletin Articles - Deadlines for articles is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Ms. Lowrie is writing an article on the **Monarchy butterflies**. It is their offspring that come back yearly, fly through New Jersey on their way South, but Monarchs unfortunately are in serious decline now, so the New Jersey Park Service is working to help the Monarchs and other butterflies on their journey. Ms. Lowrie will write about the butterflies for the Borough Bulletin. Many Roosevelt residents are trying to help by planting milkpods which the traveling butterflies can stop and eat.

Budget & Finances - Chair Grunwald explained that this Commission received a **\$2,000 grant from Sustainability New Jersey** and has about \$1,800 left. This must be spent by March 31. We have our first bill from Rutgers and will use this \$1,800 toward the ERI. The Fund for Roosevelt will cover the remainder. The **ERI** document will be about 100 pages in digital form. We will need a few hard copies available with maps in color which are expensive. Another expense is the recommendation probably coming out of this ERI that we need **maps of the sanitary sewer system and storm drains**. This would be a project for our Engineer, Carmela Roberts. We would need a quote from her of the cost, if the Borough wants this extra work done. Mr. Lou Esakoff suggested we pay Dr. Hartman and see how much money is remaining. Mr. Grunwald said we also have some general operating expenses money. Mr. Michael Ticktin advised that this information should be given to Mr. George Lang with a request to reappropriate our budget. The Borough Budget gets approved around June and is retroactive.

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Other - Ms. Mary Tulloss said she was walking on Farm Lane toward Rochdale Ave. (Route 571) and noticed a pile of **chipped wood** near the Esakoff house. She wondered where

they came from. Mr. Lou Esakoff said that the Borough has been known to cut down some tree(s) and leave the chips for local residents.

Chair Grunwald would like to speak with various Commission members to note their particular interests and priorities. He will be in touch with the members.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

No further business, on motion by Mr. Louis Esakoff and second by Mr. Michael Ticktin this meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Attest:

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Ann M. Kassahun, Secretary