

## GREC Meeting Minutes of 1.19.16

Commissioners in attendance: Lesley Elton, Scott King, Ben Meyer, Chris Leishear, Sylvia Rabacchi

Guests attendees: Mark McCullough, Councilman Skip Husking, Laura Occhipinti

### **Minutes of the Meeting:**

Minutes of the December meeting were unanimously approved

Schools: Sylvia, no new school updates, Grant available to educate on healthy eating. Another student is writing a grant in pursuit of \$1500 for recycling re-education...This is his third submission. He should get approval and be able to start in February.

Fleet inventory: Sylvia's name as a placeholder as Andy is transitioning off. Fuel reduction component, Monitoring/Data Collection. Lesley and Ben will reach out to Andy to understand the project.

Local government Bldg Energy efficiency: NJ state funding, Boro spends 30% and NJ spends 70%. The other type of funding is "bonding", but needs to show that bonding is "self-paying", ie the amortization will pay.....so there is no net expenditure by the Borough. This is an ongoing activity, the certification portion was the study only. Ben, are there any other sources of funding. Check with ANJEC and see if there is additional sources of information.

Skip, there is a budget meeting this Saturday, from 9am-noon. Monday Jan. 25, Wed. Jan 27, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> (check the website for Wed. Feb 10). Budget process should be completed by March 17<sup>th</sup>2016.

Home Energy Audits: Resolution didn't go thru to continue the HEA program to continue program for 2016. But it should go thru at the next open meeting where it will be read at next Wednesday's meeting. Once it is officially approved, we will notify Ciel and they can start again.

### New business:

GREC members: three commissioners have left (Andy, Paul, Chuck), Ben Meyer has joined, and Mark McCullough is joining and needs to be formally appointed by the mayor. All together we currently have 6 Commissioners.

Leadership: Co-Chairs Paul and Sylvia took over from Cindy Mehallow, so now we need to choose a Chair person. Chris suggested a transitional period for an "interim" chair, or to co-chair. Scott made motion to have on an interim basis, Chris and Sylvia act as co-chairs. Motion was unanimously approved.

Green Team: the original Green Team initially included only the commissioners, but is now gradually expanding to include additional community members (it doesn't require the same level of commitment as for a commissioner). Currently, the Green team includes Arboretum Carol Thielke, Diane Schlegel, teachers Mrs Urmston and McDermott, naturalist Mrs Silverstein, resident Mrs Trousdale as well as high school students Ian Crawford, Erica Jones, Prottusha Sarkar, Mandy Rose, Emma Mangino. We are now adding former GREC commissioners Paul Sharar and Andy Curshen, Central Elementary School Teacher Mrs Burnet and Laura Occhipinti.

Single use plastic bags: Mark had tried to get the single-use plastic bag ordinance in place, and can be a lead on the plastic bag issue.

2016 Borough calendar: Mary Jane's 2016 Borough calendar is driving lots of likes on the FB page Green Up Glen Rock.