

GLEN ROCK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Municipal Building, Harding Plaza, Glen Rock, NJ 07452

MINUTES Meeting of March 15, 2016

Sylvia Rabacchi	Chris Leishear	
Lesley Elton	Mary Jane Surrago (liaison Council)	
Scott King-liaison Plan Bd.		

Alternates:

Guests: Chris Holt, Friends of Diamond Brook, FODB; Tom Vielbig, FOGRA; Laura Occhipinti; Jay Shapiro

Absent: Ben Meyer

Call to Order : at 7:35pm

Site Plan Review – None to report

Planning Board Report

Public Comment –

Agenda Topic/Owner	Key Points	Next Action Steps
Minutes approval	Minutes of February 16, 2016 meeting to be approved.	Approved at 7:37pm
Liaison with Schools/ Rabacchi	Update on 2 SJ-funded projects by high school students.	Mayor to recognize two students for grants at either a Council or GREC meeting, pending their response.
Fleet Inventory/ Meyer, Elton	Update on odometer readings and fuel usage.	Ben is out of town
Local government Energy Audits/Leishear, Meyer	Close out meeting with CHA/TRC and recommended energy conservation measures proposed to Council based on LGEA.	Ben and Sylvia presented a list of recommendations for energy conservation measures for inclusion in the 2016 municipal budget to the Finance Committee. Councilwoman Surrago noted that all of the GRECs LGEA recommendations were approved, approximately \$60K in energy efficient enhancements.
HEA outreach progress / Meyer	Contract extension with Ciel Power approved by Council resolution through 2016.	No updates.
BYO Bag/McCullough	Discuss GR businesses survey, and next steps to advance plastic bag regulations in GR	No updates
New Business	Key Points	
Arboretum education center/King	Discussion on the potential installation of an education center at the GR Arboretum	Q&A session with FOGRA member Tom Vielbig who is sending out the FOGRA website and FAQs. Chris will draft a letter to editor citing unanimous GREC support for center.

<p>Water quality and conservation/ Rabacchi</p>	<p>Update on meetings with Ridgewood water on GR water quality. Discussion potential water conservation ordinance.</p>	<p>Schools are within safety for copper and lead, according to the testing ordered by the school superintendent, following Laura Occhipinti's request. Jay created website: ridgewoodwatertestingresults.com where people can look at map and you can add their testing results. Amy/Lesley took 2-3 hr tour of Ridgewood water. Ridgewood water wants to have regular bimonthly water meetings with reps from each town. Sylvia and Laura will work with Mary Jane to edit the "model" ordinance. They may present water conservation ordinance proposal to next work session. Mary Jane informed GREC that it typically requires 2 sessions, one to vet the ordinance, and one to get it voted. Extensive educational material needs to accompany the ordinance if approved.</p>
<p>Solar Panels on Boro buildings</p>	<p>Jay Shapiro will work with BOE to get solar into budget</p>	<p>Sylvia in contact with Scott Evans, who had contacted Mayor Packer regarding solar energy improvements in Glen Rock. Given Jay's lead on this Sylvia will put Scott in contact with Jay for follow ups.</p>

Adjournment