

Minutes of the meeting September 22, 2015

Glen Rock Environmental Commission

In attendance: Andy Curshen; Paul Sharar; Mary Jane Surrago; Sylvia Rabacchi; Scott King

Guests: HS students Ian Crawford; Erica Jones; Prottusha Sarkar; Nicole Vasoll; Mrs Battersby - science teacher

Minutes of the July 21st meeting were approved. There was no meeting in August.

Students report:

- Healthy Eating Grant from Sustainable Jersey for Schools was approved (Erica Jones). Pomptonians will work with student group to provide healthier foods.
- Ian Crawford submitted grant of \$2,000 to be used principally for recycling education.
- Ms Vasoll and Ms Prottusha performed tests on Styrofoam to determine if it altered food and bacteria. Bacteria was placed in petri dishes with nicotine and Styrofoam. Changes in bacteria were noted. Will attempt to eliminate remaining Styrofoam items used with food and drinks at the MS/HS cafeteria.

Agenda Items:

HEA progress- 136 HEA's completed, 20% follow through.

Fleet Inventory follow up – Mary Jane has asked Bob T. to advise re any new vehicles on order.

Local Gov Buildings Energy Audits – Awaiting CHA report

Sustainable GR Land Use Pledge – Completed but Green Check List still open till October.

Borough Calendar with environmental themes – content is now complete.

BYO Bag/Shop Rock – no activity at present

Upcoming GREC Vacancies – Paul indicated a possible person awaits.

GR Community Showcase – Francesca and Paul going and Mary Jane on 9/30

GREC 2015 Annual Report – Paul requests commissioners start to put together photos articles etc.

Presentation at Library by Elaine Silverstein Oct 29th 7 – 8:30pm sponsored by GREC. She will discuss composting and leaving leaves.

Citizen Community Event – Event planned for Nov 10th 1:30 – 3pm. GREC to display HEA, Anti Idling and Reusable Bags. ,