

Glen Rock Environmental Commission
July 2014 General Membership Meeting Agenda

July 15, 2014

Approved 8/2/14

- 1) Call to Order – 7:30 PM
- 2) Approval of Minutes of the June 17, 2014 meeting - **(with amended name change – Leslie to Lesley) Approved by Unanimous Acclamation**
- 3) Liaison with Schools / HS student Balpreet Kaur has offered to help with a project on plastic bags. Any further development? **The Principal has accepted the student petition. Included are plans to reduce plastic bottles and trays and increase water station use. Progress is ongoing.**
- 4) HEA outreach progress / Mike Mullholland confirms all tax payers will have received the CielPower mailing package by the end of July. 90 audits have been done to date with more coming in. So far they have 7 signed customers. **Commissioners report a good overall impression of the engineers and the quote process.**
- 5) Shade Tree Committee – **Nothing further at this time, Chris will follow up on the data.**
- 6) Plan for 2015 Sustainable Jersey Recertification - Commissioners to review new action items and select those most applicable. Each Commissioner to handle 1 or 2 Action Items. We must indicate our intention to apply for recertification by June 2015. – **Work here is ongoing.**
- 7) Fleet Inventory – **Andy is working with Bob Tesserio to obtain all necessary data from the Works Department to complete the spreadsheet.**
- 8) Sustainable Land Use Pledge – **Paul and Scott presented at the Planning Board on June 17th regarding the updated land use pledge. The Planning Board is sending their update to their attorney, and should the Planning Board alter the Land Use Pledge, it will have to return to the Environmental Commission for approval of their revisions. At this point, we are waiting to hear from the Planning Board.**
- 9) Bring Your Own Bag / Shop the Rock - Extension of program to be chaired by Mark McCullough and Lesley Elton. HS student Kristen Thomson will be working on this and Balpreet who has been working with Mark on the survey of GR businesses. **Mark worked with student Kristen Thompson and seven student volunteers. Over the course of two days, Mark trained the students and deployed them to our Glen Rock businesses. A summary is forthcoming, but the merchants were overwhelmingly aware of the issue and interested in working together for a solution. Special thanks to resident Sandra Bauman, for her assistance in revising our survey.**

- 10) Backyard Composting Guide – **Work on the research and publishing of guidelines for backyard composing is ongoing.**
- 11) New business – **The commission discussed three new items: the history, logistics and possibility of a Glen Rock Farmers Market, the idea for a bi-monthly meeting to bring commissioners and citizens together, and the Arts Council (potential for 30 points with Sustainable Jersey).**
- 12) Adjournment – **9:00 pm**

Commissioners <i>(bold in attendance)</i>
Andy Curshen
Lesley Elton
Scott King (liaison to the Planning Board)
Chris Leishear
Chuck Nebbia
Sylvia Rabacchi – Co-Chair
Paul Sharar – Co-Chair

Alternates and Liaisons <i>(bold in attendance)</i>
Gloria Doyle
Mark McCullough
Mary Jane Surrago (liaison to the Town Council)

Next Planned Meeting Dates (3rd Tuesday of each month)
August 19, 2014
September 16, 2014
October 21, 2014