

GLEN ROCK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Municipal Building, Harding Plaza, Glen Rock, NJ 07452

MINUTES of Meeting of Aug 19, 2014

Andy Curshen	yes	Chris Leishear	yes	Paul Sharar	Yes
Lesley Elton	yes	Charles Nebbia	yes	Mary Jane Surrago (liaison)	yes
Scott King-liaison Plan Bd	yes	Sylvia Rabacchi	yes		

Alternates: Gloria Doyle Mark McCullough yes

Guests: Kristen Thompson and Dalpreet Kaur High School Students; Scott Fischer and Mike Mullholland from Ciel Power

Call to Order : Paul Sharar called the meeting to order at 7::30 PM

Site Plan Review – None to report **Planning Board Report –**None **Public Comment –**TBA

Agenda Topic/Owner	Key Points	Actions
Minutes approval	Minutes of July 15, 2014 meeting to be approved.	Minutes of the July 15 Meeting were Approved. (Notes provided by Chuck Nebbia)
Liaison with Schools/Sylvia Rabacchi	HS students presented to the BOE their proposal to reduce plastic bottle use, use bio-degradable trays and increase water stations. Student Balpreet Kaur has offered to help with plastic bag project. Student McGara DeWan has worked with Mrs. Urmston and produced a video on recycling shown To Middle School students.	Parents and students approached BOE to encourage change from Styrofoam trays to compostable trays. BOE felt there is no way now to compost trays. Regarding water station in cafeteria, there may be conflict with operator Pomptonian contract. GREC wants to know what happens to recycling Products and waste now collected.
HEA outreach progress /Paul Sharar	Ciel Power confirms all tax payers will have received the Ciel Power mailing package by the end of July. 66 audits completed to date. 2 projects are complete, and 3 in process.	Scott Fischer of Ciel Power reported that all home owners have received the HEA mailing. 95 audits have been completed with 4 more scheduled. Ten home upgrades are active or complete at this point. Ciel is looking forward to the next wave of audits.
Shade Tree Projects/ Leisear	Update on any activities currently in process or planned.	Continuing
Plan for 2015 Sustainable Jersey Recertification Paul Sharar	Commissioners to review new action items and select those most applicable. Each Commissioner to handle 1 or 2 Action Items.	Continuing: See Schedule of Projects and Leads Mary Jane Surrago and Andy Curshen reported the Council is likely to support a Municipal Building Energy Audit soon adding more points for our recertification.
Fleet Inventory/Andy Curshen	Advise re current status for this SJ 10 point action	Continuit
Sustainable Land Use Pledge –King, Sharar	Updated Land Use Pledge needs GREC formal approval at meeting of Commission on June 17.	Presented to Planning Board June 30. Planning Board and Master Plan Re-examination Comm. to reply soon.
BYO Bag/Shop the Rock/Andy Curshen & Mark McCullough	Extension of program to be chaired by Mark McCullough and Lesley Elton. HS student Kristen Thomson and Balpreet Kaur will be working on this following the survey of GR businesses.	Kristen Thompson and Mark McCullough reported on the Survey of GR Business owners regarding the elimination of Single-use plastic bags in stores. Merchants would like to see that customers and residents support the idea. Many want to be environmentally responsible. Some owners are concerned that some customers may be dissatisfied and go elsewhere. <u>A larger report will be made at the next meeting</u>
Backyard composting Guide Rabacchi ,Srrago	Research and publish guidelines for backyard composting.	Program on September 17 at the Library is set.

New Business		
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GREEN TEAM PLAN Sharar	The establishment of a Green Team is mandatory for a community to participate in the SJ program.	The GREC unanimously affirmed that all members of the Commission are members of the Glen Rock Green Team with other members to be added as needed. Paul Sharar will serve as chair

Recycling video made at GR Middle School was shown. A remake with better lighting and some tightening of the script was suggested.

Thanks to the teachers and students who prepared and presented the video was extended by the GREC.

Adjourn 9:15 PM