

# GLEN ROCK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Municipal Building, Harding Plaza, Glen Rock, NJ 07452

## Minutes of Meeting of Sept 16, 2014

Andy Curshen	Yes	Chris Leishear	Yes	Paul Sharar	Yes
Lesley Elton	No	Charles Nebbia	No	Mary Jane Surrago (liaison)	Yes
Scott King-liaison Plan Bd	Yes	Sylvia Rabacchi	Yes		

**Alternates:** Mark McCullough Yes

**Guests:** Students Kristen Thompson

**Call to Order** Paul Sharar called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

**Site Plan Review** – None to report

**Planning Board Report** –None

**Public Comment** –

Agenda Topic/Owner	Key Points	Next Action Steps
Minutes approval	Minutes of August 19, 2014 meeting to be approved.	The Minutes of the August 19, 2014 meeting were approved.
Liaison with Schools/ Rabacchi	Researching for companies that could pick up and compost compostable trays and food scraps if middle/high school converts to them to eliminate Styrofoam trays.	Continuing
HEA outreach progress / Sharar	Over 100 HEAs completed to date.	Discussion on survey of first 100 HEAs. Plan to do sample Survey soon. Total of 114 HEA's conducted to date.
Shade Tree Projects/ Leishear	Update on any activities currently in process or planned.	Continuing
Plan for 2015 Sustainable Jersey Recertification/ Sharar	Commissioners to review new action items and select those most applicable. Each Commissioner to handle 1 or 2 Action Items.	All commissioners were contacted to confirm their lead roles For specific recertification goals. Details will be in the October chart.
Fleet Inventory/ Curshen	Basic information on fleet collected and digitized. Mileage/fuel consumption rates still to be done.	Follow up meeting with Bob Tiserio planned to complete Required information.
Sustainable GR Land Use Pledge/ Scott King -- Sharar	Updated Land Use Pledge approved by GREC June. Planning Board received Pledge June 30 and after Testimony by Paul Sharar and Scott King, referred It to Attorney to modify some points. Revision now available for review.	Planning Board attorney has requested removing word "pledge" and suggested new language. Scott King suggested using 2009 Land Use Pledge, adding new language to it, and requesting an extension of the already approved 2009 Pledge.
BYO Bag/Shop the Rock /Andy Curshen & Mark McCullough	Update on survey on plastic bags among GR businesses by Mark McCullough and HS students Kristen Thomson and Balpreet Kaur.	Kristen reported of 35 businesses surveyed 70% use plastic bags; many would accept an ordinance eliminating their use, but more work needs to be done. Kristen was asked to review her data and give us a fuller report when as possible.
Green Team Plan/ Sharar	The Green Team Plan was approved. All members of the GREC are members. Paul Sharar is chair	Green Team members will be added as needed to assist with SJ Action steps beginning in the Fall.
Backyard composting mulching leaves/ Rabacchi, Surrago	Presentation on "Backyard sustainability for homeowners: keep Glen Rock green" by horticulturist Elaine Silverstein, September 17 <sup>th</sup> 7pm at the Glen Rock library	We will promote September 17 event at Library.
Rabacchi	GREC commissioners invited to participate to the Arboretum Fall Festival on October 5 <sup>th</sup> 2-4pm	

New Business		
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Ordinance Revisions / Surrago	Revisions to ordinances encompassing solid waste, recycling and property maintenance codes. These may encourage residents to compost and mulch	The GREC found all 3 recommended changes to improve the Borough ordinances acceptable and commended Councilwoman Surrago for making these clarifications.
Stantec Environ Impact	Report will be presented at Council Meet 9/22	

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM