

**EMERSON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**EMERSON, NEW JERSEY**  
**FEBRUARY 24, 2010**

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, February 24, 2010. Mr. Worthington opened the meeting at 7:40 pm. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Clerk has notified all officially published newspapers of this meeting, and notice has been posted in the Municipal Office. In case of a fire, follow the Fire Exit signs above the doors to your right and left in Council Chambers, and please exit calmly.

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairwoman Joan Martin – Absent  
Ms. Margaret Boyce – Present  
Mr. Salvatore Dinardi – Absent  
Ms. Danielle DiPaola – Present  
Ms. Christina Fehre – Absent  
Mr. Peter Martin – Absent  
Mr. Bernie Silverberg – Absent  
Mr. Richard Worthington – Present  
Mrs. Lorraine Zoeller – Present  
Councilman Tom Browne – Present  
Ms. Lauren Lamatina – Student Member – Absent

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made to table approval of the minutes for the meetings held on 10/28/09 and 12/2/09 by Ms. DiPaola, seconded by Mrs. Zoeller, and carried.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

A motion was made to open public session by Ms. DiPaola, seconded by Mrs. Zoeller, and carried, with no comments.

A motion was made to close public session by Mrs. Boyce, seconded by Ms. DiPaola, and carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Email from ANJEC – dated 12/9/09 – Re: 2010 Environmental Steward Training
- Flyer from ANJEC – Re: 2010 Planning Grants
- Memo from Carol Dray – dated 12/10/09 – Re: Shirley Michalski
- Memo from Costa Engineering – dated 1/5/10 – Re: Pascack County Brook
- Memos from Carol Dray – dated 1/7/10 – Re: Appointments of Christina Fehre, Lauren Lamatina, Joan Martin, Danielle DiPaola, and Lorraine Zoeller
- Email from ANJEC – dated 1/13/10 – Re: Open space and water quality threatened
- Email from ANJEC – dated 1/14/10 – Re: Community energy outreach training
- Email from ANJEC – dated 2010 Smart Growth Planning Grant Applications

- Email from Michelle Pierce – dated 1/27/10 – Re: Resignation
- Memo from Carol Dray – dated 2/23/10 – Re: Appointment of Bernie Silverberg
- 2010 Council Liaison Appointments
- Tank removal permit – 20 Hartland Avenue
- The Recycling Bin – Fall 2009 edition
- Hackensack Tide lines – Fall 2009 edition

**VOUCHERS:** The Secretary stated there were no vouchers

**COMMITTEES FOR 2010:**

- Student membership/Student Programs Committee – Mrs. Boyce expressed an interest in this committee, and the Commission agreed to table until our next meeting.
- Public Information – No committee members at this time, and the matter will be tabled until our next meeting.
- Development Issues – Ms. DiPaola stated the Planning Board approved an application from Metro NY PCS for additional cell tower equipment at the DPW site.
- Pollution Control – Mr. Worthington and Ms. DiPaola volunteered for this committee.
- Wildlife Issues – No committee members at this time, and the matter will be tabled until our next meeting.
- Grant Availability – No committee members at this time, and the matter will be tabled until our next meeting.
- Earth Scouts – No committee members at this time, and the matter will be tabled until our next meeting.

Mrs. Boyce suggested that the Commission do a short “write up” of committee goals and objectives.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

eRevival Contracts – Councilman Browne stated that this is a program for free containers at the DPW site, and due to space limitations at the site, we should table this at this time. Ms. DiPaola stated that when we heard the application for Metro NY PCS, Mr. Solimando stated he is short on space and that was the reason for the new cell tower equipment being installed on the roof.

Farmers Market – Mr. Worthington stated he will contact Chairwoman Martin, and the Secretary stated new vendors have requested applications for this year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nominations for Vice Chairperson of the Commission – Mr. Worthington requested this matter be tabled at this time.

Earth Day – Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Mr. Worthington stated he would like to coordinate the town wide cleanup for around that period of time, and we need to contact Officer Mike McDermott of the Police Department.

Community Garden – this matter will be tabled at this time – potential site the rear of Centennial Park on Main Street.

Arbor Day and seedlings – Mr. Worthington stated Chairwoman Martin received notice that the scouts were trying to get seeds from the Arbor Day Foundation, and Mrs. Boyce agreed to contact them.

Train station beautification – Councilman Browne stated New Jersey Transit is almost done with the renovations, and they are also looking for a tenant. The Borough may also be interested in designating it as a “historical site”.

Student essay contest – Mr. Worthington will contact Chairwoman Martin in order to come up with a topic and distribution to the students prior to the spring break.

Water bottles and their effect on the environment – Mr. Worthington stated Mayor Lamatina requested this item be on the agenda, and the Commission agreed to table until our next meeting.

**ADDED STARTERS:**

The Commission agreed that fundraising is important this year due to budget restraints, and for advertising for the Farmers Market.

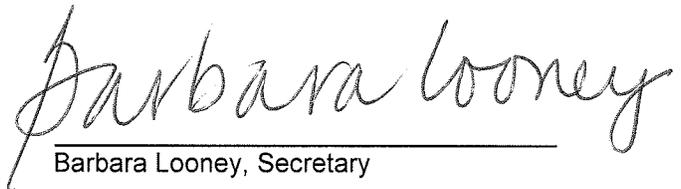
**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Boyce, seconded by Mrs. Zoeller, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Worthington



Barbara Looney, Secretary