

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD: MARCH 25, 2013**

PRESENT: Commission Members: Jerry DeCrosta, Chairman & Planning Board Rep., Marilyn Goldfisher, Henry Senger, Ron Yates

ABSENT: Commission Members: Don Kretz, Bob LaViano, Al Kurpis, Council Representative

PRESIDING: Chairman DeCrosta called the meeting to order at 6:40pm; Commission Secretary Joy Convertini read the following statement:

PUBLIC NOTICE: "Notice of this meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act Chapter 231 of the laws of 1975, has been given by posting a notice of the scheduled dates of all regular meetings of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Saddle River on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and in the office of the Borough Clerk and by emailing a notice thereof to the Ridgewood Newspapers and The Record on December 20, 2012 and on the Borough website."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the February 25, 2013 minutes by Commission Member Henry Senger. Seconded by Marilyn Goldfisher
Roll Call Vote: AYES: Unanimous

WORK SESSION:

Newsletter Topics: Chairman DeCrosta stated that the submissions from Commission members were informative and he would like to see a one page newsletter sent to all Borough residents as well as posted on the website.

Topics will include the use of organic pesticides on Borough properties, the hazardous tree removal program, and keeping the Saddle River and its banks free of debris and wooded property maintenance. Specific content within the above-mentioned topics was discussed in detail at this time.

Ron Yates stated that he would like to make residents aware of keeping their property free of fallen trees and landscape debris as it is very unsightly throughout the Borough.

The Saddle River boom was discussed and Marilyn Goldfisher stated that she did not feel the current boom is adequate as it is incapable of diverting the amount of debris that flows down the river. It was suggested that the boom manufacturer come in and assess whether or not the existing boom is adequate for the flow of the Saddle River.

Marilyn Goldfisher stated that the northern most portion of the Saddle River in the Borough continues to be clogged with debris and she would like to see this addressed as it has impacts the flow. She further stated that the dredging project was not 100% effective in maximizing the flow.

Chairman DeCrosta addressed the letter head design and stated that the newsletter would be sent out by bulk mail.

Tree City Designation: Ron Yates stated that the application will be submitted to the State Forester shortly and addressed the need to create a Tree Committee that is subordinate to the Environmental Commission and in existence for one year. The Tree Committee must be endorsed by the Mayor and Council and this was discussed in detail.

NEW BUSINESS: The Commission discussed the garbage and recycling pickups; Marilyn Goldfisher stated that the trucks are frequently overfilled and the refuse and recycling falls onto Borough roadways and properties.

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OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Environmental Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini
Secretary