

Alloway Township Environmental Commission
Jan 9th, 2012 Monthly Meeting

Present: Joe Ingerson-Mahar, Chris Gilbert, Marilyn Patterson, Anne Sullivan, and Brynn Reilley.

Absent: Frank Ponti and Craig Kane.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as read.

Meeting Dates for 2012 have been established as follows: Monday at 7:30pm on Jan. 9, Feb. 6, Mar. 12, April 9, May 7, June 11, July 9, Aug. 6, Sept 10, Oct. 8, Nov.12, and Dec. 10.

We welcomed new members Brynn Reilley and Anne Sullivan. They will be sworn in at the February Meeting. Chris Gilbert was voted as Vice Chair and Marilyn Patterson was voted in as Secretary.

Old Business: We discussed possible topics for the Environmental Award's Program. We decided on, "What are Wetlands and Why are the Important to Alloway Township". We voiced concern that we get the posters and essays so late that the parents of the winners never get to see them. Anne suggested that we could post them in the Gazebo so that the parents could see them. Marilyn suggested that she write to the Mayor and ask that we be allowed to post them on the Township's Website. We agreed to have her prepare and send an email.

Marilyn presented the first draft of the Annual Report to the Township Committee. She will incorporate the changes discussed and bring the finalized report to the next meeting.

Ag Board Meeting: Anne attended the PIG Grant meeting and discussed what took place. We had questions as to where the money resides (i.e. state, county or township) and which properties are to be preserved first.

BRC: Marilyn attended the December Meeting and discussed Mr. Gaskill's comments about the proposed improvements. The BRC asked that Mr. Pheasant pump and remove the septic tank before the end of the year. It does not seem that the Township Committee is in favor of spending any money on improvements to the Public Access. This is going to make it difficult to meet their goals.

Planning Board: Joe did not receive a Planning Board Package this month.

New Business: We are to make up a list of objectives for 2012. Marilyn will prepare a list of ideas to discuss for inclusion.

Joe asked if any of us were familiar with the newest Wind Farm Legislation. None of us knew anything more than what was in the Newspapers.

Meeting Adjourned