



## BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

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### MINUTES OF THE FANWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

#### Meeting of June 17, 2010

**Present:** Gary Szelc, April Lee, Sandy Redder

**Absent:** Margaret Chowdhury, Kalpana Krishna Kumar, Gayle Steinfeld, Dave Schwartzberg, Daniel Zucker (Planning Board Liaison), Kathy Mitchell (Council Liaison)

**Guests:** Jeff Marks

The Open Public Meetings Act was read and meeting was brought to order at 8:10 PM.

**Members Information** – None

#### **Items of Business:**

- Jeff Marks from SPFHS attended the meeting on behalf of the volunteer organization PATCH of Scotch Plains. Two representatives of the high school newspaper, Fanscotian were also in attendance. Jeff interviewed the FEC for information on commission projects, goals & objectives, annual town events and partnership events (Bio-Blitz, Rahway River Assoc.) and the ANJEC organization. Gary briefly mentioned the 2009 & 2010 Goals & Objectives, the Fanwood Nature Center, toad abode project, butterfly gardens, Fanny Wood Day, and other initiatives undertaken by the commission currently and in recent years.

Sandy mentioned info. on the annual bird house building event. This year she will need volunteers to help with obtaining prizes for the event.

April described the invasive plants removal project at the Fanwood Nature Center and some of the volunteers who helped remove pachysandra, Japanese knotweed and multiflora rose during the year.

- Gary to obtain publicity contacts list for all commission members.
- Discussed Debbie Naha's *Edible Plants* presentation. Sandy suggested opening the event to the public by having Ms. Naha do a presentation on a weekday evening and then organizing a walk through the Fanwood Nature Center as a follow-up activity. Gary will try to schedule this event for sometime in July. During this event we can also try to "recruit" new members for the FEC.

- We briefly reviewed Sandy's outline of the FEC *Management Plan of Goals and Objectives* for 2009 & 2010. We will need to review the 2010 FEC goals & objectives at the next meeting with all commissioners.

**Review of Plans:**

1. 78 Woodland Avenue – enclosed porch would not have a negative environmental impact. Owners' intent is to prevent pipes from freezing during the winter months and to save on energy costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

April Lee

cc: Colleen Mahr, Mayor  
Eleanor McGovern, Administrator  
Environmental Commission & Council Liaison

**Meetings held: Third Thursday at 7:30 P.M.  
Fanwood Community House ("The Old Train Station")  
Second Floor  
230 North Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey**