

FRANKLIN LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 23, 2015

In Attendance: Carole Holden, Don Scine, Moira Murphy, Michael Colombo, Sue Barbuto, Skip Williamson, Gary Sheppard, Council Liaison Ann Swist, Recycling coordinator Liz Morris.

Absent: Larissa Symbouras, Omar el-Rafei.

The regular meeting of the Franklin Lakes Environmental Commission was held in the municipal building on Monday, February 23, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting of January 20, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Chair's Report: The chair called for a discussion of the Boswell Engineering report from Kevin Boswell who was the January, 2015 meeting. Commission member Omar el-Rafei is preparing a report on the environmental impact to the golf course property on behalf of the commission.

The chair noted that the first annual Green Fair prepared by the three environmental commissions of Franklin Lakes, Oakland and Wyckoff is in its final planning stages. The chair and Liz Morris have been working to finalize the project which will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 11 to 4 p.m. in the Ramapo High School cafeteria.

Ann Swist, council liaison to the commission gave a report on the special meeting between members of the council, several EC members and representatives of Pilgrim Pipeline. Points of importance were:

- Environmental concerns to the town
- Alternatives to petroleum fuels
- Construction and operational concerns from the pipeline
- Recommendation that the mayor/council draft a formal position on proposed pipeline.

Following Ann's report, the commission asked Michael Colombo to write a draft report stating the commission's concerns. Once it is approved, it will be sent to the mayor and council.

Member Reports:

Public Outreach and Education – Sue reported on the upcoming film festival. There will be four films to be shown on the four Thursdays in May.

Water – Michael reported that residents should be warned about freezing pipes during this very cold winter so that they can take precautions. He also suggested they be told that the overuse of salt can add salinity to their drinking water.

Recycling – Liz reported that she is looking to compare 2013 recycling rates to 2014 with the hope that the borough's recycling rates have improved. Stop and Shop is asking for additional recycling bins to be placed in town for the collection of plastic bags which should not go in with the regular recycling materials.

Old Business – Franklin Lakes has been named a Healthy Town for 2014 thanks to Mayor Bivona's efforts. The commission wants to both thank and congratulate him for this honor.

New Business – None

Next meeting, March 23, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Colombo