

Town of Clinton, NJ  
Environmental Commission

### **Minutes from Regular Meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**In attendance / Members:** Ken Carberry (Council Liaison), Véronique Lambert, Deena Roberts (Shade Tree Commission Liaison), Jeff Schaumburg (Chairperson), Patty Smeltzer

**Absent :** Jean Pierson

**Start:** 7:35 pm

#### **River Clean-Up**

- Date was confirmed as April 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to noon. Jeff – Need to start planning because groups book up early. Everyone should recruit volunteers. Volunteers should meet at 9 am outside Clinton House.
- Deena says she may be at the Glen Gardener site with her Girl Scout troop this year, since half the troop is from Glen Gardener.
- Patty agreed to bring Clean-Up supplies to Clinton from Raritan Headwaters Association since she works there.
- Patty will email River Clean-Up brochure to Ken and he will forward it to Nancy for inclusion in Clinton's newsletter.

#### **Council Report**

Ken gave feedback on the recent 7-11 site plan review by the Environmental Commission. EC members should bring their individual comments to the Commission then a single combined report should be submitted to the Land Use Board.

#### **Land Use Board Report**

Jeff – Application came before Board from Papa John's Restaurant to operate in space formerly occupied by Clinton Business Products. EC may see site plan before next meeting. This is not a review of site development, but of a use of facility.

#### **Invasive Species**

- Ken – New Jersey Water Authority wants to clear invasive water chestnut out of the drainage pond just beyond the sewage treatment plant. The pond is in Clinton Township but access to it is from Clinton. Need about 4 people to help with clearing out invasive.

- Jeff will meet with Ken Klipstein from NJ Water Authority to discuss issues of invasive species in Clinton that EC and Green Team can address, e.g. Russian Olive in the lot next to the library.
- Patty will reach out to NJ Invasive Strike Team to get help with identifying invasives in the Clinton area, as well as with educating residents about invasive species.

### **Green Team Report**

- Grant: Application for a \$2000 small grant was submitted to Sustainable Jersey to support Green Team's work. Véronique will check on when we should hear back on whether or not we got the grant.
- Trails: Deena followed up with Tom Sheppard of Hunterdon County Parks about extending and connecting trails that come through Clinton. He's ready to talk when we give him a time.
  - Ken – As a courtesy we should notify the Board of Recreation. He will inform the Board at its meeting on Thursday about expanding trail access.
  - Jeff – We could determine if there are any potential areas in Clinton that could be opened up for public access. First, we need to identify the land owners/managers and find out about access. Ken will ask Ken Klipstein about the extent of the Water Authority's management of Spruce Run area.
- A&P: Ken – A&P will expand its facilities and as part of expansion it wants to cap lot next to Krauzers for parking and make an underpass walkway for crossing the street. This will pose a clean-up opportunity.

**End:** 8:30 pm

### **Next meeting**

Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 7:30pm

Recorded by Véronique Lambert