

Manasquan Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2013

Chairman Love called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Present: Gregory Love, Mike Sinneck, Harvey McKenzie, Carole Hart, Judy Mangan, Ed Donovan, and Jane Donovan.

Old Business

Thermal Imaging: Although many houses have been damaged from Hurricane Sandy, some homeowners may have interest in the thermal imaging project. An advertisement will be put on the Manasquan borough website and in the *Coast Star*. Donations from the homeowners will be greatly appreciated by the firefighters for working on this project.

Monofilament Recycling: Two out of three monofilament recycling canisters at the Manasquan Inlet have been a victim of Sandy. Those will be replaced soon.

Stream Monitoring: A date for the stream monitoring project is still being discussed for early Spring. Mr. Wasnesky of the Manasquan High School Environmental Club will be consulted on a date.

Rain Barrel Workshop: The rain barrel workshop will be held on **Thursday, March 21st** in the Manasquan Recreation DCI Annex.

Town Cleanup: Dates for the town cleanup are still being discussed. The Manasquan High School Environmental Club and Key Club will be asked if they can help out.

Beach Sweep: Providing that the sand is safe and has been sifted, the Manasquan beach sweep with Clean Ocean Action will be held on **April 27th** and **October 19th**.

Funding Factory: A new bag of ink cartridges was received. They will be split between Staples and the Funding Factory.

Rain Garden: Due to the troubles caused by Hurricane Sandy, it is uncertain that the Manasquan Environmental Commission will be able to work on the rain garden in Hancock Park.

De-snagging Judas Creek: The Monmouth County Mosquito Commission may do some work on de-snagging Judas Creek during the spring.

Green Team: Now that Manasquan is registered with Sustainable Jersey the first step to becoming certified is to establish a Green Team. A resolution will be submitted to the council for approval.

Adopt-a-Dune: Although the dunes in poor condition or non-existent, Harvey McKenzie will be available for any residents interested in the Adopt-a-Dune program.

New Business

Communications: The Manasquan Environmental Commission will be adding Information on their website and in the *Coast Star*.

Budget: The Environmental Commission is waiting for the 2013 budget to be approved.

2013 Meeting Schedule: Beginning with the January meeting the Environmental Commission will meet on the second Wednesday of every other month for the calendar year 2013.

Ride-a-Bike-For-a-Day: A special day to promote “green” habits can be done by having residents in the community ride their bikes for a day. This is also a great way to help the Environmental Commission gain Green Team certification. The event will be scheduled on a Saturday around Earth Day which is April 22nd.

Environmental Educational Outreach: An educational outreach program is being considered for teaching children about the environment in the Manasquan Elementary school. This program will teach children how to form environmentally friendly habits, the importance of the environment, and overall how to live “green”. This program may also have students from the Manasquan High School Environmental Club help out in either teaching or assisting the Elementary students.

Hurricane Sandy Restoration: Although their time of arrival in Manasquan is unknown, the Army Corps of Engineers will be coming in for beach replenishment and it is their responsibility to build a safe beach. The main question is on dunes and how to rebuild them since they serve an essential part in protecting homes. FEMA will not pay to move the sand east, but will either pay for a protective berm or a share of money to build a berm. Both the DEP and FEMA have different means on what berms and dunes are, which makes this situation difficult. A big situation has to do with base flood elevation and flood insurance based on people complying with the new map since houses on the beachfront may have to be lifted. The Environmental Commission is currently waiting for congress to pass restoration money on the 15th.

New Chairman: Thank You Mike Sinneck for all your hard work throughout the years and congratulations to Gregory Love on behalf of becoming the new chairman of the Manasquan Environmental Commission.

Chairman Love declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.