

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN

Green Team Minutes

December 9, 2010

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Drew Di Sessa, Robert Jewell, Orson Kirk, Becky Harm, Kathy Todd, and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent: RJ Streng, Sherrie Tromp, Jennifer Keggan, and Michele Largman

Mr. Di Sessa requested information from the Environmental Commission in order to qualify for points with Sustainable Jersey. He needs a copy of an ordinance establishing the commission and an annual accomplishment report. The commission supplied an annual accomplishment report for 2009.

Mrs. Fascenelli will ask the Township Clerk for a copy of said ordinance. The commission will also supply Mr. Di Sessa with a natural resource inventory.

The Shredding Event information was forwarded to Sustainable Jersey. Mrs. Fascenelli will review the information required for the recycling depot and report at the next meeting. She will also investigate the section for water conservation. Clean Communities hired an education specialist for a program at Pequest Trout Hatchery.

Mr. Jewell referenced a newspaper article regarding wind turbines. Senator Sean Kean drafted a bill after a proposed 325 foot windmill by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs at the National Guard training center in Sea Girt was to be considered. Bill number S2374 bars construction of industrial electricity-generating windmills within 2,000 feet of any residentially zoned land. "Residents from Ocean Gate which recently put a turbine up at its municipal building and plans another at a sewage treatment plant – complaining the noise was "driving them crazy." The article also referred to "wind turbine syndrome". "I don't know what wind turbine syndrome is. I don't think there's any scientific basis for that claim," said Fred DeSanti, a consultant for the Bayshore Regional Sewerage Authority, which is building a windmill ". "Kean said he is willing to reduce the buffer zone, possibly to 1,000 feet". Mr. Di Sessa said the state measures noise at the property line. At this time an applicant would need a permit and variance to erect a wind turbine.

Mr. Di Sessa advised the Planning Board is working on ordinances regarding solar. Solar panels are treated as a structure. Mrs. Fascenelli contacted Warren County Municipalities for copies of their wind, solar, outdoor furnaces ordinances. Franklin Township supplied their wind ordinances. The other municipalities did not have ordinances.

Mr. Jewell reported his company will be demolishing a structure and he must recycle the materials. He will report back to the Green Team.

Mrs. Fascenelli forwarded contact information for Donaldson Farm to Jennifer Keggan. She will also prepare a draft letter to be forwarded to local business for information to be placed on the Township's web-site. This was approved by the Township Committee at their November 10, 2010 meeting. The Environmental Commission has a listing of local business, but felt it was outdated.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli