

**WATCHUNG ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION(FINAL)**

**MINUTES**

**APRIL 23, 2018**

**Present:** Karen Pennett, Jim and Andy Stout, Joan Tak, Maria Alberto

**Absent:** Sonyd Epstein, Rachel Funcheon, Don Pote

**Call to Order and Minutes:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. The minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

**Member Update:** Our new Borough Council liaison, Maria Alberto, was introduced to the members and welcomed to the Environmental Commission. Karen shared some relevant information with her.

**Tree Report:**

--50 Lakeview—3/29/2018—Building and grounds brought in the tree surgeon to inspect the large pin oak tree. It was determined that after pruning, the tree would still have a severely damaged root system caused by the construction. Remove 1 and replace with a 4 inch.

--469 Mountain Blvd.—4/5/2018—The owner is putting on a second story. Remove 21 trees: 4 dead, 17 live: replacement still to be determined.

**Open Space:** There will be an Open Space meeting on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 7:00 PM. With the new ordinance, the Open Space Committee and the Environmental Commission will be combined.

**Planning Board:** One proposal has been delayed, so there was no report or discussion at this time.

**Green Fair:** Joan will set up a table and offer a variety of environmental exhibits including honey from her beehives plus a small hive without bees, bottle cap recycling information as well as a container, and a weed killer recipe along with some handouts. She has arranged for a representative from Kangen to be there to discuss a water filtration system than can be hooked up under the sink. There will be information on recycling Nespresso containers. Joan asked about a sign and will order one, plus she will have a canopy for her display. Karen will arrange for a recycle bucket.

**New business:**

--Egg carton recycling—Jim researched recycling containers and reported what was available. The unknown involves the future status of the library and the location of the Environmental Commission's recycling programs which are now in the library or presently planned for that area. Maria suggested the Firemen's Exempt Hall as a possibility, but that area might not receive a large traffic volume of individuals.

--Shade Tree Commission-- Membership cards were distributed, and the function of the Commission was explained.

**Meetings, Correspondence, Permits:** No reports

**Review of Assignments for the Next Meeting and Adjournment:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim and Andy Stout, Acting Recording Secretaries