

**OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**Minutes – Tuesday, December 13, 2016**

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center.

**Roll Call** – The following members were present:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>
Marty Mozzo	Chairperson	Present	Donna Moore	Commissioner	Present
Pete Ault	Commissioner	Present	Jim Tweed	Commissioner	Present
Chris Halliday	Commissioner	Absent	Dave Hayes	Alternate # 1	Absent
John Loeper	Planning Board Appointee	Present	John Aitken	Alternate # 2	Present
Sara Maas	Commissioner	Present	Matt von der Hayden	City Liaison	Present
Justin Berry	Student Liaison	Absent	Laura Anne Fithian	Student Liaison	Present
Abby O'Boyle	Student Liaison	Absent			

Two members from the public were present, Jim Hansen Watershed Ambassador for NJDEP and Michael Romond representing the South Jersey Coastal Fly Anglers.

**Open Public Meetings Announcement** – Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

**Approval of Minutes** – Minutes for the meeting of November 22, 2016 were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Sara Maas and seconded by Pete Ault. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Pending Business**

- Lecture Series
  - Jim Hansen, a Watershed Ambassador for NJDEP, agreed to speak regarding Rain Barrels and how they work and can be used.
  - The Ocean City Environmental Commission (OCEC) Lecture Series Program was explained to Jim with a request to describe his program and have the Commission decide if the topic would make a good lecture or a workshop, or both.
  - Rain barrels are used to collect water from roofs during rain and stored to provide water for gardens or lawns as needed.
  - Water is collected in 55 gallon drums. Getting drums is a problem, but Pete Ault stated his company purchases salt water for their use and then disposes of the

barrels. This may be a good source of barrels for Jim's needs for a rain barrel workshop.

- After describing the process, it was opened up to the Commission to decide if the topic was a good lecture, a workshop, or both. After some discussion, it was agreed that it appeared the best approach that the Commission could do is first hold a lecture in March, followed by a workshop later if sufficient interest was generated.
- South Jersey Coastal Fly Anglers
  - Michael Romond introduced himself and stated that his group is interested in contributing to OCEC efforts on educational matters.
  - Michael stated that his group might be willing to host a lecture series.
  - Michael also stated that his group may be interested in participating in beach cleanups or possibly assisting in planting dune vegetation.
  - Michael will speak further with his club and attend future EC meetings.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Street Open Space Plantings
  - A draft letter/email was sent out to three parties: (1) USDA-NRCS Cape May Plant Materials Center, (2) Rutgers COOP, and (3) Native Plant Society of New Jersey to see if each party could assist OCEC in developing a list of potential native plants for consideration by the administration in developing the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Open Space Project.
  - Chris Halliday, Matt von der Hayden and Marty Mozzo met with Chris Miller of the Cape May Plant Materials Center on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> to review. Chris provided handouts to our group. These handouts were provided to the OCEC at the meeting.
  - Rutgers COOP also provided handouts which were given to the Commission.
  - The objective is to take the materials given and refine them to a preliminary list of acceptable planting to provide to the City's administration.
- Public Works Request – Dune Cleanup
  - A request made by Jim Tweed in our last meeting to tell the Department of Public Works (DPW) that the dunes from 14<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street needed cleaning was made.
  - The response from DPW stated that this cleanup will be done over the winter of 2017.
- Submitted Plan Review 903 Bay Avenue
  - At our last meeting, the Commission made a request to write a letter to the Planning Board regarding site cleanup, in particular, remediation of groundwater.
  - The Planning Board reached out to Synergy Inc. in regards to this matter.
  - It appears that the groundwater remediation is a result of removal of steel tanks in the mid-80's. At that time, NJDEP required monitoring wells be installed and samples collected periodically.
  - The recent tank removal done for Keller Williams showed no additional contamination. The monitoring wells would remain in place with anticipated groundwater remediation complete by 2029.
  - The Commission agreed this was an adequate explanation to our concerns and the matter was tabled as complete.

- Submitted Plan Review
  - Five (5) plans were presented to the Ocean City Environmental Commission (OCEC) by Marty Mozzo. There were no environmental concerns or comments on the five plans.

### **New Business**

- Service of Environmental Commissioners
  - Two Commissioners were at the end of their term at the end of 2016.
  - Donna Moore expressed disappointment that she was not reappointed, but indicated she would continue to be active in environmental issues.
  - Jim Tweed decided he did not want another term on the Commission.

**Public Comment** – None

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Tweed and seconded by Donna Moore. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 6:30PM at the Senior Center.**