

Minutes

Environmental Advisory Board

13 November 2013

Ogden Dunes Town Hall

The Environmental Board met on 13 November 2013 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall. Attendees were Sue MiHalo, John Morris, Bob Cattani, Judy Mollway, Jim Biancotti, Tom Clouser, and Paul Panther.

Judy moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting of the Environmental Board, for 9 October 2013, and Jim seconded. The motion carried.

Regarding the MS4 waiver application, Jim has the files for the old application and will be working on it. John Morris will send him an EPA guidance document he found.

Sharon will not be able to attend the meeting on 14 November 2013 of the Septic System Coordination Work Group, so Jim will attend.

Judy reported on the planned presentation on recycling by Republic Services to the Lions on 24 March 2014. Judy attended Sandpipers preschool to see how receptive the children were to recycling education, and found that this is too young to introduce these concepts. She also reported that the solid waste district for the County is very particular about the way the town has collected the household waste. They would want certified hazardous waste handlers perform the collection. For this reason, she said that haz waste collection will be dropped from the April town cleanup. This prompted several suggestions for personnel who could perform the task, including asking the Town Fire Department if any of them are certified.

Sue reported that the Fire Department will conduct a controlled burn for Long Lake Marsh, and it will occur this Thursday or Friday. Some of the brush, such as the willows, may need treatment to prevent them from sprouting again.

The beach testing grant will be the same as last summer, with the first collection date of 24 May 2014, and the final 3 September 2014. This must be presented and approved by the Town Council at the December meeting to meet the deadline. Sue also reported that there is likely no federal money for 2015 and beyond, so alternate funding sources must be found.

The Dark Skies Initiative was discussed, using the Beverly Shores story as a model. At least initially, only town street lights would be modified. Bob will get a count of the number of lights and what the cost would be to direct the light down to where it is not wasted.

Regarding the Board management, Sue said she has indicated she will continue for one more year, but then may need to resign.

Bob asked a question about the language included in the meeting notices he prepares. Paul said that all the verbiage needs to be on each notice, and cannot be listed on a permanent sheet for all notices. Some meeting notices have the verbiage in very small print.

Judy raised another issue about recycling, so she will talk to Republic about getting the report that Jim Kopp used to generate for us regarding percentage of diversion from landfills. She will also see about getting the cartoon Republic has to include on the public access channel.

John moved to adjourn, Bob seconded, and the motion was approved at 6:45 pm.

Submitted by John Morris.