

Montclair Environmental Commission
December 9, 2009 Monthly Public Meeting Minutes
Imke Oster's House

I. Formalities, Administration, Notices, Introductions (5 minutes; 7:30 – 7:35)

- a. Meeting minutes from October and November approved

II. Incinerator Update

- a. Rita attended the SWAC meeting – provided an update of incinerator goals and performance.

III. Waste Management

- a. DCS trash collection/recycling data (*Steven/William*) *Data from DCS pending.*
- b. Leaf collection/disposal *Leaf burning illegal according to state law.*
- c. Incinerator contract renewal *Discussed air permit renewal hearings for incinerator; public comment period closed 11/19 after which licensing vote was to occur. Montclair actions that affect incinerator are indirect but meaningful: reduce trash volume sent to incinerator; enforce e-waste practices sooner than required (resend proposed ordinance to Council).*

IV. Tree Preservation

- a. Draft Tree Preservation ordinance status (*James*) *Summarized 11/17 meeting with Alan Trembulak; ZTremulak said he would finalize the ordinance.*
- b. Tree Planting update (*Imke*) *Summarized shade tree budget numbers obtained from Twp; discussed need for specific tree replacement line item in budget and link it to tree preservation ordinance.*
- c. Bonsal update (*Rita*) *DEP position is that it's up to Montclair to push Clifton to restore original conditions; J Grupper will try to keep DEP involved to put pressure on Clifton. J Grouper will reach out to Congressman Pascrell to see if he'll get involved Discussed need for heightened community awareness.*

V. Update Reports

- a. Planning Board Issues (*Dan*) *a draft soil erosion permit from engineering dept. has been forwarded to the Planning Board from the Council for input and review*
- b. Sustainability Committee (*Gray*) – *efforts described to get funding for charging stations for electric vehicles.*

VI. Next Meeting: January 13, 7:30 PM

VII.Adjourn

VIII.Attendees

Howard Greenspan - Commissioner
Imke Oster - Commissioner
James Sherman - Commissioner
Rita Singer - Commissioner
Michael Yellin – Commissioner
Daniel Nachman - Commissioner
Gray Russell – MEC Twp Liaison
Cary Africk – Council Liaison
Scott Kevelson – Citizen
Jane Marcus – Citizen
Vee ? – Rutgers Newark student
Lina Khouri – Montclair Times