

Montclair Environmental Commission
July 14, 2010 Monthly Public Meeting Minutes
Edgemont Park Boat House

- I. Formalities, Administration, Notices, Introductions (**5 minutes; 7:30 – 7:35**)
- a. March, April, June Meeting minutes - *Dan moves to adopt, Rita second, minutes passed.*
- II. Bi-Annual Water Bureau Update Report (*Gary Obszarny*) (**30 minutes; 7:35 – 8:15**)
- a. Sewer extension - *Permit application in but not issued, current master plan (up to 201- dorms and 3 academic buildings, Alexander Ave - 18' deep - 3 to 6 months for entire project. All trees cut will be replaced with choice of three types of new trees, using existing wherever possible. Will line sewer pipe in potential flooding in brook area (wetland? No permit necessary because no excavation work would be done); currently the sewer line is draining surface water). MSU wants 15" line in lieu of 12" to compensate for low pitch, but GO is OK with 12"),*
- *\$2.6m connection fees - will be paid up front and used to upgrade areas west of Valley Road*
 - *\$4.5M overall project value*
 - *Yantacaw Brook Park - trees damming up brook, Rob Bianco - sewage flowing into brook - neighborhood group has not been able to find who at MTC to fix problem; this is an engineering issue (Kim Kraft)*
 - *4th well - DEP allocation - expect to be a year*
 - *Grove St pumping station - 8 mgd (million gallons per day) max - 10 mgd current town max in summer, 4.5mgd in winter*
 - *Diesel engines shed load and therefore utility pays town to drop electricity - 2 500 hp pumps*
 - *Next project Watchung pumping station upgrade \$1.6m bids received, waiting on approval of project award for energy efficient pumps - high pressure zone -250 and 300 hp, low pressure zone - 2 x 50hp, vfd's, switchgear, currently 24/7 manned station - with new equipment everything is programmable*
 - *Glenfield well - temporary air stripper replacement project - out to bid in fall 2010 - 1979 to now the VOCs levels have dropped - all wells - \$450k*
 - *Going to tablet chlorination from gaseous chlorination - insurance and security issues*
 - *At each well - adding chlorine, sequestering agents*
 - *State dropped perchlorate treatment*

- *Thanksgiving 2001 failed lead/copper test - added sequestering agents at high doses after that*
- *Sewer study - baseline flow rates everywhere - this project on hold - outgoing flow is not metered, utility charges based on amount of water sold.*

III. Tree Preservation (15 minutes; 8:05 – 8:20)

- a. Tree Preservation Ordinance & Community Forestry Management Plan status (*James not present; no update*)
- b. Bonsal update (*Rita*) - *NJ State truck dumping tree stumps from Clifton side, plan has been produced by Mary Chalak to be cleared with Vera Lazar and Clifton/Mtclr Env. Commissions.*
- c. Rob Bianco - *Steve Schuckman works 1 day per week, contractors now working throughout town, Shade tree 4 men working on garbage and recycling due to budget cuts.*

IV. Waste Management (15 minutes; 8:20 – 8:35)

- a. DCS Meeting Summary (*William/Steven – not discussed*)

V. Update Reports (15 minutes; 8:35 – 8:50)

- a. Twp Mgr Meeting Status (*Steven/William*)
 - *PAYT - not a top priority*
 - *Trees - planting plan, Mgr to push Schuckman and Trembulak to produce comments by end of August.*
- b. Planning Board Issues (*Dan – no update*)
- c. Sustainability
 - *Green Team Update (Gray) - Gray looking for two members to join the team and will reach out to members of the commission*
 - *MSU Institute for Sustainability Studies (Imke) - Imke has called the Director twice and emailed twice - no response.*

VI. New Ideas/Emergent Issues (10 minutes; 8:50 – 9:00)

- a. Edgemont Playground Recycled material composition (*James*) *Dan states that a toxicologist/risk assessor is looking at data. Need to speak with designer to obtain basis of design, durability anticipated and safety of materials.*
- b. ANJEC
 - *MEC Green Acres Grant application endorsements*

• Next Meeting: September 8, 730 PM

• Adjourn

Attendees July 14, 2010:

Commissioners:

- Howard Greenspan
- Rita Singer
- Imke Oster
- Michael Yellin
- Dan Nachman
- Steven Wright
- William Dunnell

Environmental Coordinator:

- Gray Russell

Visitors:

- Gary Obszarny (Township)
- Rob Bianco (Township)
- Jane Marcus (Resident)
- Tanya Drobness (Montclair Times)
- Cyd Caillarec - sewer line project neighbor
- Norma - sewer line project neighbor
- Roz - sewer line project neighbor
- Janet - sewer line project neighbor
- Glenn – Valley Road area resident
- Yantacaw Brook park residents - 3