

## Minutes of the February 17, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Island Heights Environmental Committee

Attendees: Mary Judge, Chair; Matt Crane; Marsha Cudworth; Margie Laratta; Kurt Schweighauser; Sandra Snow, Liaison; Betty Wood

Absent: Pat Sherwin; Tara Church

### Presentation

Tonight's meeting was a presentation by Karen Walzer of the Barnegat Bay Partnership on the newly-launched "Jersey-Friendly Yards" website. The website is a New Jersey homeowner's guide to a beautiful, healthy and eco-friendly yard. Ms. Walzer led the group including invited local guests through the website item by item demonstrating how to use the site to best advantage.

### Community Garden

Matt Crane spoke about the upcoming start of our new community vegetable garden. The date of the arrival of the tractors to turn over the soil is still being arranged.

### Documentary

John Columbus presented a commentary on the upcoming environmental film "The Anthropologist" at Christ Church on Washington Street in Toms River. The environmental documentary was made by one of John's former students, anthropologist Seth Kramer concerning the impact of climate change around the world. The free film will be presented on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm. All were urged to attend. Light snacks will be served and freewill donations requested.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.