

## Minutes of the June 15, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Island Heights Environmental Committee

Attendees: Tara Church; Tanara Hall; Mary Judge, Chair; Pat Sherwin; Betty Wood  
Absent: Matt Crane; Marsha Cudworth; Margie Laratta; Sandra Snow, Liaison

It was moved by Tara Church, seconded by Mary Judge to accept the minutes of the May meeting. The motion carried unanimously. New member Tanara Hall was welcomed to the committee.

### Green Team

The Green Team discussed ongoing efforts to be certified by Sustainable Jersey and the progress that has been made. Assignments were given to members regarding the steps needed to complete the application for Bronze status.

### Pending Bamboo Ordinance

Members were asked to read and evaluate the proposed ordinance regarding the planting of bamboo in Island Heights. No specific recommendations were offered.

### Island Heights Website

Betty Wood was asked whether all minutes were forwarded to the person maintaining the website and to check on their inclusion.

### Signage

Information on ordering "No Idling" signs has been received. An order will be placed and they will be installed upon arrival. Further, Marsha Cudworth was asked to provide an Environmental Committee sign for placement over our bulletin board in the Post Office.

### Recycling

Problems with recycling continue with open cans and debris blowing around on recycle day. The idea of utilizing robo-cans was discussed, as well as conducting a tour of the county recycling facility.

### State of Barnegat Bay Report

Mary Judge, having attended the State of the Bay Conference at Ocean County College earlier in the day, reported the recent discovery of a new variety of jellyfish in the north bay area.

### Adopt-A-Spot

The continuing problem of the river grasses' maintenance was discussed. The mugwort seems to have diminished, perhaps by Public Works' intervention. Reducing the size of the plots was proposed to make maintenance more palatable and doable by volunteers. The policy of having no garbage cans along the boardwalk was discussed. There seems to be continued need to pick up discarded refuse along this stretch despite the "Carry In, Carry Out" signs. The question of whether food trucks are or would be allowed to operate was also discussed.

Adjournment occurred at 7:55pm.