

## Minutes of the July 20, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Island Heights Environmental Committee

Attendees: Marsha Cudworth; Tanara Hall; Mary Judge, Chair; Pat Sherwin; Sandra Snow, Liaison; Betty Wood

Absent: Tara Church; Matt Crane; Margie Laratta

Motion was made by Mary Judge, seconded by Pat Sherwin to accept the minutes of June's meeting. It was unanimously approved.

### Post Office Bulletin Board

Marsha Cudworth reported she would purchase a vinyl "Environmental Committee" sign for the bulletin board at a cost of \$20.

### "Solar Challenge" Webinar

Tanara Hall presented the results of a webinar she participated in concerning the use of solar energy. Sustainable Jersey is sponsoring a contest for New Jersey communities to increase solar energy use. Ten towns will be selected after application to vie for a \$10,000 grant to be used for environmental purposes. Each town must adopt a resolution expressing its desire to compete. \$3000 will be granted to the ten participants for use in encouraging citizens to purchase solar energy for their homes and businesses. The community with the greatest proportional number of homes/businesses installing solar energy between October 2016 and May 2017 will win the grant. Two additional \$5000 grants will also be given. Sustainable Jersey has provided a website EnergySage with the names of companies offering solar energy plans. Application must be made by August 24, 2016. Sandra Snow will approach Mayor Silver with the idea for his input.

### Environmental Management Plan

A plan for an Environmental Management Plan was presented by Tanara Hall for the committee's consideration. She expressed the need for the committee's plans and ideas to be centrally located on a website that could be accessed by members. Mary Judge moved that Tanara be assigned the task of preparing the plan, seconded by Marsha Cudworth, unanimously approved.

Adjournment occurred at 7:55pm.