

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
HELD IN THE BOARDROOM AT  
318 LAKEVILLE ROAD  
December 15, 2014 AT 7:30 P.M.

**PRESENT**

Alan Mindel, Commissioner  
Linda Abrams  
Nancy Cohen  
Laura Gal  
Vincent Lentini  
Jill Madenberg  
Esther Voigt  
Rosalind Zitner  
Barbara Friedman, Alternate  
Robert Gilbert, Alternate  
Michele Raphael, Alternate

**ABSENT**

Peter Susser  
Daniel Meyers, Alternate  
Roger Nettler, Alternate  
Selma Ostriker, Alternate

Also present:  
Richard Ambron, Great Neck Resident

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mindel at 7:43 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Laura Gal motioned to accept the minutes of October 23, 2014 as presented, seconded by Nancy Cohen and unanimously approved by those present.

**HOUSEKEEPING**

Commissioner Mindel asked Dr. Ambron if he was willing to be a consultant to the Environmental Commission. As Dr. Ambron had no objection, Commissioner Mindel motioned to recommend to the Board of Trustees that Dr. Richard Ambron be retained as a consultant on behalf of the Village, seconded by Jill Madenberg and unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Mindel did not have an update on the State's proposed remedial action plan for 1111 Marcus Avenue.

**"TIPS TO GOLFERS" LETTER**

The members reviewed the revised tips to golfers' letter. The edits discussed will be integrated by the Environmental Commission secretary. Vincent Lentini motioned to approve the letter for submission to the Golf Commission, seconded by Laura Gal and unanimously approved. The members discussed the options for disseminating the letter to the golf members.

### **CHEMICAL LIST**

The members reviewed the list of chemicals normally used on the golf course as provided by Bob Johnston who also indicated the chemicals which were not used frequently. Commissioner Mindel distributed purpose of use and toxicity information on these 14 “not frequently used” chemicals for informational purposes. Dr. Ambron will do further research on the entire list to see if these are the least toxic choices but suggested that the best course of action would be to promote minimizing the golfer’s contact to these chemicals rather than finding substitutes. Dr. Ambron commented that as a result of prior research, Mr. Johnston does do a good job on choosing the least harmful chemicals. Commissioner Mindel suggested that if Dr. Ambron finds that the chemicals are the “friendliest” available it should be noted that an annual evaluation of the chemicals is done by the golf course as part of the Commission’s written golf course policy. Nancy Cohen asked about the course spraying on Mondays when the Great Neck South’s golf team practices. Commissioner Mindel will see if he can arrange a meeting with the golf course personnel before the opening of the season to ask for better placement of warning signs to help inform the students about possible chemical exposure.

### **COAL TAR ALTERNATIVES**

Commissioner Mindel spoke to Rodd Murphy from Green Asphalt, a Long Island City company, which produces 100% recycled asphalt. Their prices are 20% less expensive than conventional asphalt mix and they supply New York City with their product. Commissioner Mindel asked Dr. Ambron to contact Mr. Murphy to see if there are any coal tar additives in their mix.

### **OTHER ISSUES**

A discussion ensued regarding the probable increase in water usage that will result from the new building developments being undertaken in the area as well as the impending opening of the NYC wells that will begin drawing water from the Lloyd Acquifer. Jill Madenberg will research whether there is an impact report on the well openings. Commissioner Mindel will ask the Village administrator to contact Sen. Jack Martins regarding this topic and to invite him to the next Environmental Commission meeting. He will also inform the Board of Trustees that he would like to bring up the topic with the Great Neck Village Officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne Morrissey  
Environmental Commission Secretary