

Borough of Somerville
Environmental Commission
Minutes of March 10, 2015 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Vice-Chair Vijay Tulsiana

Roll Call: Vijay Tulsiani, Granville Brady, Jr., Larry Cleveland, Timothy Hayes, Councilman Thompson Mitchell, Gina Stravic

A. Minutes of February 2015 meeting were read and approved.

B. Communications

1. Northern University flyer for one day program on March 18. Various topics on the environmental issues.

C. Reports

1. **Planning Board**—Larry reported about plans for the Masonic Lodge on Doughty Avenue to rebuild using the same footprint as collapsed building.

2. **Borough Council**—Thompson reported on the letter Gina sent to Council regarding the Main Street trees. Council took no action but may be discussed at a subsequent meeting. Gina asked Thompson to put the item on the agenda and she will also e-mail Beth Ann McDonald about the the matter.

A preliminary budget was introduced with less than \$100 average tax increase. The anticipated revenue from the PILOT was not as much as predicted due to a delay in renting the Main Street apartments.

Thompson will sign an application for free tree seedlings to be given out on Earth Day. We should receive about 500 seedlings for 100 families with any left over to be planted in the nursery.

D. Old Business

1. **Community Forestry Management** still needs 5 CEU's. Gina will send management plan officials documenting member's completion of activities that would qualify us for CEU's.
2. **Demond Place** trees still OK after recent storm.

E. New Business

1. **Calendar was reviewed** and accepted by Commission.
2. **Earth Day activities** were discussed. Gran will ask Shirley Gurisic to post notice on VilleTV to let public know that Earth Day clean-up will be April 25 at 9 AM at the high school.
3. Memorial Trees honoring the late chief's Charlie Becker and George Kavanaugh were discussed with several sites being considered.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted: Granville Y. Brady, Jr., Secretary

