

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2018
POMPTON LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Maria Kent led the participants in saluting the flag.

Present were Maria Kent, Julie Doncoes, Council Liaison Erik DeLine, Edwin D. Merrill, Lauren Simpson and Secretary Kathy Troast. Mayor Mike Serra, Abby Novak and Carl Padula were excused.

Committee Chair Vote: Julie Doncoes nominated Maria Kent to be Chairman for the Environmental Protection Committee. No other nominations were made. Seconded by Lauren Simpson. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Maria Kent thanked everyone for their past involvement and looks forward to the future projects. Maria will reach out to John Torronto from the Pompton Lakes High School regarding recycling.

Guest: Adam Iaccheo of Americorps NJ Watershed Ambassador for Pompton Lakes, Wanaque, Ramapo & Pequannock. Adam explained the Ambassadors Program is hosted by the NJDEP. The programs purpose is to raise awareness about water issues in NJ. Ambassadors are available to make free environmental education presentations to community organizations and schools (grades 4 to High School). Adam supplied his contact information to Maria Kent who invited Adam to do something with the High School Students this coming spring. Ed Merrill offered his knowledge of the streams and invited Adam to attend the Town Wide River Clean Up.

Town Wide River Clean Up: Maria Kent showed the members Certificates that she made up for those who participated in the past town wide clean up. Maria is planning to present them to the participants at one of the council meetings. The next town wide clean up will be in September.

Newspaper: Maria Kent has submitted information a few times and nothing made it in the newspaper. There was however an article in the Star Ledger noticing Pompton Lakes High School for its involvement with the community.

D.P.W. (Department of Public Works): Ben Stelzer is retiring from the D.P.W. The committee is looking forward to meeting the new superintendent. It was suggested that Maria should invite him to a meeting after he starts the job. Ed Merrill gave a report on recycling and was pleased that the violations have gone way down.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 7:35 p.m..

Kathy Troast
Secretary