

Pompton Lakes CAG Meeting
October 21, 2013
Draft Meeting Minutes

The meeting commenced at 7:12 pm. CAG members Joe Intintola, Ed Meakem and Ruth Paez are absent.

Riggiola made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Rubino seconded the motion. All in favor.

The CAG moved to the action items:

1. The meeting with Congressman Frelinghuysen had to be rescheduled due to scheduling conflicts and we are still waiting to hear back from the office on a new date.
2. The TAG Grant (NJDEP) was approved, and a new director was filled for Ella Fillapone of PRC has been filled and they are moving forward with the grant. EWA has requested information on their LSRP and details of the project and will keep the CAG updated.
3. PLCAG determined that the Elks will be the meeting spot, despite the money for the hall. The PLCAG has also determined to move the meetings to every other month. The next meeting will be set for Dec 2, 2013 and the next 3-4 meeting dates for 2014 will be released at that meeting.
4. Rubino followed up on Resolutions 10 and 11 with Seppi prior to the gov't shutdown, and she said that EPA is in the process of responding. Patterson added that Seppi sent an email on Friday, Oct 18th after the gov't reopened and said they will be rescheduling the public info session and respond to us.
5. Rubino will follow up with Rich Chapin on the Horizontal Well Plan from Phil Flax. He did not correspond with him during the shutdown.
6. Helen Martens has been gathering signatures for the alternative power source for VMS Systems.
7. Regarding the education campaign, Patterson said that we can come up with a plan and find out how a program would work. Rubino said the PLCAG needs to figure out who the audience is: school system, scout troops, etc. An audience member asked what type of program it would be. Patterson explained that the grade level depends on the campaign. We can bring in resources like the watershed ambassador for this area to teach about the watershed. Riggiola added that we can have a movie night and someone suggested that we partner with the boy scouts to co-host an event. We agreed to start with the scouts and see how it goes. Patrick Giles (audience) suggested he can contact PL High School by working with the students and them asking to start the campaign from the inside and have them approach the school instead of us. PLCAG and Patricia Corcoan (audience) would make the initial contact and will reach out the scouts and Patrick will reach out to the students at the high school and then the PLCAG will move forward from there. Riggiola and Rubino will reach out to Lois Gibbs to discuss the movie night further.
8. Martens updated the group on the Clean Community grant explaining that she is working with a sorority to host the cleanup. Patterson suggested calling Home Depot for gloves and bags donation. She will write a letter to Home Depot. The temporary date is Nov 2, but she is still working on permits. The location for the two different cleanups still has to be determined.

(Joe Intintola arrived at 7:45 pm)

New Business:

CAG Member Request: Kelley Blevins

Patterson invited Kelley Blevins to introduce himself in front of the CAG and explain why he's interested in joining the CAG.

He explain how he got involved in Pompton Lakes and how he was involved in the town. He's dealing with a battle for a doctor who was accused of a malpractice in Pompton Lakes. He also read about CCPL's petition and was very impressed. He explained his background in TN and how his family was affected by fracking. He lives in NY and works for a PR marketing firm. Dr. Kaul has a website that is dedicated to showcase the injustices in NJ. They have a plan in place for the PR for the town and want to make it an international issue. He knows that DuPont is paying off the politicians of the town because it is the cheaper way for them to deal with it. He wants to bring attention to PL, and doesn't want Christie to be president, and wants him to feel the pressure of the international media. He explained how everyone is getting involved in sustainability and that we can make a change. He sent the press release over to the environmental reporter for the NY Times.

Riggiola is happy that Kelley wants to be on the CAG and has worked hard on the outreach and press for the last 5 years. She explained the importance of keeping the site in the news.

Patterson made a motion to join the Pompton Lakes CAG and Martens seconded it. All in favor.

Patterson made a motion to adopt the new CAG operating procedures and Martens seconded it. All in favor.

Intintola explained a situation where Ed Meakem has not been present at any meetings and made a motion to remove him from the CAG. Riggiola added that he just came back from a leave of absence and he should be given another meeting opportunity. Patterson asked on what grounds are we removing him, and explained the 3 meeting rule just went into effect. Riggiola added that this meeting was an excused because he let us know that he was not making it. An audience member said that she does not think the CAG should vote him off because he does a lot of work in the community. The CAG consensus is to leave the issue alone and give Ed a chance to do work behind the scenes.

The CAG discussed letters to the editor. Patterson explained the importance of writing a letter to the editor about the issues in Pompton Lakes to keep it as a hot topic in the media. Riggiola said it's important for the residents to tell their story about their property or living in contamination. Patrick (audience) explained that he wrote a letter-to-the-editor and the mayor and council have still not responded to him.

Rubino explained the press release that went out today about Christie's lack of response to Pompton Lakes residents and refusal to add Pompton Lakes to the Superfund list. She explained that she went to a town hall meeting and approached the Governor in April and the press release was a response to it. She read his response letter to her.

Patterson moved to explain the Property Valuation Plan. The PLCAG formed a formal PVP and presented it to USEPA at our meeting with Judith Enck. She explained the basis of the report and the survey. Rubino added that CCPL got a grant from CHEJ to implement the PVP. Riggiola read the grant acceptance letter to the CAG for \$2,000 to implement the plan.

Rubino moved on to the Judith Enck meeting. She explained that we met with Judith Enck. Riggiola first added about how her and Maria (audience) walked around and did a survey of the homes for sale. She explained that homes are being sold without systems, and it is an ethical issue.

Intintola suggested adding a request for a copy of the recent appraisal, if applicable, when doing the survey. Patterson added that those questions are already in the survey, and the CAG agreed it is a good idea if they are willing to give a copy. Rubino said they will discuss the details in the near future.

Ann (audience) explained a situation on a home where a home was tested by DuPont and DuPont told them the numbers are low and there is no need to have a system. DuPont said that EPA will be raising the standards. Intintola added that in Pompton Lakes Plume, it is written that the standard is 1 ug/L. Originally is 3 ug/L and DuPont lowered it to one. Now, the state is raising it to 9 ug/L but that does not affect the plume.

Riggiola went on to discuss the Judith Enck meeting. Patterson explained that Harrison (audience) wrote a great powerful letter and thanked him for writing it. Riggiola explained the Superfund issues that were discussed. Also, a back up power source for the VMS, and that Enck loved the idea and is looking into it for not only Pompton Lakes, but the entire country. Riggiola also asked Plevin for help on the NJDHSS/ ATSDR survey and why the public meeting has not happened yet and USEPA said they will help. She thinks they are pushing it back until after the election. Rubino explained that USEPA got our follow up letter and will be responding to us now that they are reopened.

Rubino moved to open the public session. Intintola gave an update on the DuPont pilot study. An article in the Suburban Trends was published saying that the pilot study is very expensive 20-25 million dollars, and that it would only move 30 feet every 3-4 months. He also explained that a water line main was hit during the well construction and they did not call to map out the water lines prior to construction. He urged residents to write letters stating they do not want the horizontal well. Riggiola added that they brought the article up to Judith Enck and her jaw dropped and was not happy that DuPont was giving that impression.

Rubino introduced Kelley back up to have a presentation. Kelley Blevins explained that they will be having an ABHA light show at the surgical center, which will include the CCPL.org website. Blevins introduced Bant Breen. They thanked everyone for being here and they run a company called Qnary. They want to put out a digital footprint of our information. He introduced Jeremie Holiman, who is working on the project, who explained that they will be using all the different platforms to give one consistent message.

Dean explained that her neighbors walked away from their homes and it went into to short sale and someone wanted to buy it and they did not know it was in a short sale. Dean also explained that the buyer went to the borough of Pompton Lakes and was told by someone in town that there is nothing to worry about and all is fine with the contamination in the DuPont plume.

Riggiola explained that she was verbally abused in a public place where she was accused of ruining the town and then it happened another place with someone else. She explained that she does not have a normal life anymore because this is part of it everyday.

Intintola brought up another article that was published about Art Kafka's story in Pompton Lakes and it is a great place to live, giving off a false impression of the contamination issues. Intintola explained that Kafka is on the USEPA CAG, along with Soojan and Greyberg. \$55,000 is donated to John Soojian for the bid. 21,000 to Greyberg for the lake cleanup, and \$ to Kafka for the chamber of commerce.

Intintola explained that at the last EPA meeting he presented information that there was depleted uranium on the site. He is going to bring it back up at the next session. Riggiola and Rubino added that it would be great to ask them to add it to the agenda, and Rubino told Intintola to respond to EPA when they release the next date of the meeting. Intintola claims there are not 2 tunnels, but there are 5 tunnels and believes that that is where the depleted uranium case. He referenced two legal cases that reference Pompton Lakes and manufacturing depleted uranium. (One is Lombardi and Lombardi case).

Dr. Kaul inquired about Soojian as a contractor and explained that he tried to get the contract for his surgical center, but he chose to get an outside contractor that he trusted.

Patterson moved to close the public session. Rubino seconded it. All in favor. Patterson moved to close the meeting. Martens seconded it. All in favor.

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm.