## OCEAN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION Regular Meeting November 28, 2011 7:00 PM

Meeting began at 7:03 PM.

Call to Order – Flag Salute

Open Public Meeting Act – Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, sending copies of the notice of the meeting properly provided adequate notice of the meeting to the Asbury Park Press and the Press of Atlantic City. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

Roll Call:	Ed Covitz	Tom Leaming	Pola Galie
	Heide Geary	Don Lippincott	
	Jack Henderson	Ken Bynoe	

Members Absent: Lorraine Flohr, Bob Knowles

Chairman asked to take action on the minutes October 24, 2011. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Learning. All in favor: (aye).

Correspondence can be viewed in the board office.

**Round Table Discussion** – Pola Galie updated the Commission on the progress that has been made. Ms. Galie has been networking with various groups and is trying to gather the interested parties together to have a kick-off meeting. Dr. Hale has volunteered to be the Key Note Speaker. Barnegat Bay Partnership is looking to be on board with us. No date has been settled upon yet. We are hoping for Spring 2012 at this point.

**Poem/Poster/Essay Contest Discussion** – The Commission is interested in offering a contest to the grammar school children and tie into the Round Table. The bay is a good subject for the children to learn about. It was suggested to have an essay/poem and then also require have a drawing about the subject. Ages were discussed. It was decided to contact Dr. Lomerin and ask his feeling on what age would benefit. After that perhaps a meeting could be set with the Science teachers to get their feel and the Art teacher also.

**Founder's Day** - The Commission discussed the possibility of having an open house during Founder's Day and possibly shuttle people back and forth to Founder's Day and putting efforts there instead of the table at Founder's Day. The Commission is looking for a different venue for their part of Founder's Day.

Waterways Committee – Nothing new to report on this topic.

The Commission had a detailed conversation about the commercial fisherman in the bay. This was jotted down as a good topic for the Roundtable.

The next meeting will be held in January after the Township Committee has their Reorganizational Meeting. If the meeting gets scheduled after some of the members leave for Florida, we will keep in touch via email.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Galie, seconded by Mr. Learning. All in favor: (aye).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth O'Connor Secretary