

**BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2021**

The virtual meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Rockaway, County of Morris, State of New Jersey was held via the internet.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sylvia Banbor (SB)
Jean Blohm (JB)
Joyce Freiermuth (JF)
Kathy Haake (KH)
Kim Rose (KR)

ABSENT:

Rob Grow (RG)
Frank Cappuccio (FC)

Joyce Freiermuth called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Open Public Meeting Statement read. Joyce welcomed everyone back since there has not been any meetings since February 12, 2020 due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. She also thanked Kimberly Cuspilich, the Acting Borough Clerk for setting up this virtual meeting for us.

Kathy Haake made a motion that Joyce Freiermuth and Kim Rose would co-chair the Environmental Commission and Sylvia Banbor seconded the motion.

There was a discussion about the Rain Garden and trying to continue and pull this project together. It was brought to our attention and to the attention of the Health Department that Rockaway has Japanese Knot Weed, which is an invasive species that eats walls and bridges and train tressels. There is no natural predator for Japanese Knot Weed which also undermines roads. Goats have been used to manage it. Joyce Freiermuth will send a letter to the DPW regarding the Japanese Knot Weed in March.

The next Environmental Commission Meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2021. The minutes of February 12, 2020 were approved.

Meeting adjourned 7:51 p.m.
Minutes taken by Sylvia Banbor