BOROUGH OF DUMONT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 27, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Dumont Environmental Commission was held in the Dumont Borough Hall on Thursday January 27th, 2011. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

After waiting for expected attendees, the meeting was called to order by President Dan Harrison at 7:20 pm.

Present were Dan Harrison, Janet Bazzini, Scott Johnson, and Seymour Berkowitz. Absent were Jennifer Cartelli, Craig Grothues, Marion Reitano.

Councilman Liaison Kenneth Freeman was not present.

No members of the public were present.

The dates for our meetings for the calendar year 2011 on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00pm were approved. The Borough Clerk will be so notified.

There were no previous minutes available to approve. There appear to be two months missing. Dan Harrison will track them down.

Old and New Business was put forth for general discussion among the four people present.

Subjects covered were:

- 1. The sharing of minutes of the Shade Tree Commission and the Environmental Commission; the thinking being that since we are a small group and our endeavors share certain similarities that may overlap, the sharing of Minutes would enlighten and instruct us all.
- 2. A) What to do about attendance at our Environmental meetings; a quorum is required to hold a meeting-how to devise a fair and working system
 - B) How to expand our group within the parameters of Commission regulations
 - C) Making use of e-mail among our Commission members to put forth, exchange, and respond to the general business of our group more effectively
- 3. The setting up of an Environmental Commission Project for 2011 and the establishment of individual member Goals.
 - Can individual Environmental Commission members solicit extra help with their goals from non-commission persons; i.e. volunteers.
- 4. Seymour Berkowitz volunteered to address leaf collection and composting as his goal.
- 5. Janet Bazzini volunteered pursuing anti-littering as her goal. She will speak with Steve Cavadias, the Property Compliance officer regarding the litter-strewn lot that is the new CVS parking lot and the property at Veterans Plaza that has not been taken care of decently since CVS opened. She will also speak with our Borough Administrator John Perkins re what appears to be unused waste receptacles at our DPW property to see if more litter and garbage receptacles could be placed in the Veterans Plaza area.

6.	Dan Harrison and Scott Johnson also took notes at the meeting which they said they want to have added to these minutes.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.	
Respec	tfully submitted by:
Janet I	Bazzini, Commission Member