AVALON ENVIROMNMENTAL COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Reynolds.

Flag salute. Roll call.

Present: Kevin Coyle, Joe Dvorak, Steve Malyszka, Brian Reynolds, Donna Rothman.

Absent: Debanne Macaluso, Beth Tipping

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2019 meeting was made by Donna Rothman and seconded by Kevin Coyle. Approved by all.

Discussion on the Green Team request regarding “Grass-Cut it and Leave it” for the Sustainability program. Nina Ranaldi has stepped down from the History Museum and will be forwarding the information onto whomever takes the position. No indication to when that will be happening.

Update on the Tree Grant Planting. Donna discussed the recent tree plantings where plants have died. A total of seventeen plants have been replaced by the Public Works Department. The areas included Kayak Park, 15th Street, and 10th & Dune Drive. Bill Macomber believes they had lost the seventeen trees because of the incorrect fertilizer or the lack of water. There have also been a couple diseased Japanese Black Pines removed at 56th and 57th Street. Joe Lomax, from LOMAX Consulting, felt there is enough native vegetation in the area that additional planting is not needed. Concern for the spread of disease to run further through the dunes. Joe proposed an idea to set up a hotline to report dead or dying trees throughout the borough so that they can be taken care of.

Debanne Macaluso has submitted her resignation to the Environmental Commission.

Adjourment at 4:45 pm.