Avalon Environmental Commission

January 21, 2020

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

Flag salute. Roll call.

Present: Joe Dvorak, Steve Malyszka, Brian Reynolds, Donna Rothman, Beth Tipping

Absent: Kevin Coyle, Claire Driscoll

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 17th, 2019 meeting was made by Joe Dvorak and seconded by Beth Tipping. Approved by all.

Review on the December 2019 report on the vegetation management plan by Joe Lomax of LOMAX Consulting Group. The plan includes tree management assessment and recommendation of public streets, parks, and open spaces in the borough. Changes made by the Environmental Commission members should be sent to Joe by the end of the month.

Discussion on the 2020 update to the Dune Vegetation Management Plan by Joe Lomax. Joe gave a brief history of the DVMP projects within the borough. The plan sets goals to maintain the dunes with healthy vegetation, pruning protocols, and how to apply for a DVMP. Joe Lomax would like the Environmental Commission to review the drafted plan and suggest any changes they feel are needed.

Discussion on the proposed changes to the landscape ordinance by Brian Reynolds. Routine maintenance should include a reference to the prohibited actions. Artificial turf is not permitted and should be specified in the landscaping ordinance. Recommendations to living fence restrictions should apply to all property lines. An update of the landscape ordinance will be reviewed at the February planning and Zoning meeting.

Adjournment at 5:46pm.