

# COMMUNITY BOARD #3

655 Rossville Avenue  
Staten Island, N. Y. 10309

## Environmental Committee Minutes

February 12, 2009

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Barlotta, Chairman Environmental Committee  
Edward Canlon  
Frank Contrera  
Frank Santarpia

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Judy Goodstein  
Maribel Sansone

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Chairman Tom Barlotta opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

1. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is seeking volunteers to conduct ground surveys for turkey nesting sites. Volunteers will be trained and guided. Those interested should call 718 482-4922.
2. The Environmental Committee has officially adopted the Rossville Avenue Bluebelt Site located on Rossville Avenue just below Woodrow Road. Cleanup was started and members will perform scheduled maintenance.
3. NYC Councilman, David Yassky is asking for Community Boards across the city to support Intro 599: The Bioheat Act of 2007. The bill would require that all heating oil sold in NYC be a 5% Biodiesel blend beginning May 31, 2009 increasing to 10% by June 1, 2011 and to 20% by May 31, 2013. Members discussed cost factors, environmental benefits, heating equipment adaptability and reduced dependence on foreign sources of fossil fuels. Tom Barlotta made a **MOTION:** that the Environmental Committee support " The Bioheat Act of 2007"  
**SECOND:** Ed Canlon .  
**VOTE:** 3-1-0 **Motion Passed**
4. Thursday, March 5, 2009 Jeff Mulligan a representative from The Board of Standards and Appeals "BSA" will conduct a seminar for Board Members on the rules and procedures of the "BSA". Attendance is strongly encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Barlotta  
Chairman, Environmental Committee