



December 11, 2018, 2018

Meeting No: 2018-12

MANTOLOKING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Attendance:

MEC Member	
Claudia, Larsen, Chairwoman	Yes
Doreen Duggan, MYC representative	No
Denise Boughton, Planning Board Liaison	No
Jan O'Malley	Yes
Connie Pilling	Yes
Barbara Turro	Yes
John Wesson	Yes

The meeting was called to order at the Mantoloking Yacht Club (MYC) Sailing Center at 4:32 PM.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes

- Claudia Larsen moved a motion to approve the November 2018 meeting minutes as distributed via email on November 16, 2018. Barbara Turro seconded and all approved.

Status of current MEC Projects:

Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) (Jan)

- Jan noted that she has not had time to work on the ERI this month but did make the Mayor aware of the effort and the future need for funding to support professional engineer engagement.
- Jan reported that Britta Wenzel of SBB is working on identifying an intern to help with the ERI.
- Claudia stated that Pat Shea has many pictures that he is willing to share for the ERI from the 1940s and 1950s.

The Protection and Health of Barnegat Bay (Connie and Barbara)

- Barbara will sign up for updates from Save Barnegat Bay to obtain more information.
- Connie noted that it is good that the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant has been shut down and thus warm water is no longer being added to the Bay.



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- Connie also noted that there was an article in the paper about Traders Cove performing illegal dredging.

The Protection and Health of the Ocean and Beach (Claudia)

Beach Access Points

- In preparation for Spring 2019 plantings, Claudia will review vegetation of all beach access points.
- John provided pictures of the southern beach access point nearest his house.
- Claudia will prepare a plan of which access points need to be landscaped.
- She will also create a list of native plants and local nurseries within NJ with estimated pricing.
- She will visit nurseries and seek funding.

The Protection and Health of the Land

- Claudia stated that many of the dead black pines have been breaking and shedding branches in the N'oreasters we have had this fall. She will follow up with Lynne Hazlet when she is back from vacation.
- Barbara stressed the benefits of native plants in that they require less irrigation, and provide habitat for birds and other beneficial wildlife species, as well as supporting plant pollination. Barbara will draft a recommendation to use native plants to be reviewed at the January MEC meeting for later consideration by the Planning Board.
- Connie wondered whether the Rt. 35 storm water management system might be lowering the water table and therefore undermining house foundations. There was no known answer.

The Fight against Pollution (All)

Plastic Pollution

- MEC would like to distribute small cloth bags imprinted with the MEC logo to use in place of plastic bags for the opening of new Borough Hall and/or for an environmental fair.
- We are seeking a grant to support this.

The "Recycle Coach" App

- There are now more than 100 residents who have signed up.
- Claudia prepared a flyer about the Recycle App that was distributed via the Borough web site and the Mantoloking Reporter for National Recycle Day November 15th to remind people to sign up for free.

New Business:

- Claudia acknowledged the contributions of Lynne O'Mealia, the Council liaison to MEC. She expressed that her resignation is a loss not only for the Council but also the MEC. She was great to work with.
- Meeting dates for 2019. Due to constraints of the new Borough Hall, MEC cannot meet on same day as pre-council meetings. Instead, Claudia suggested the second



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Monday of the month starting at 5:30 PM. This will allow more working members to attend. She noted that exceptions will be Monday Oct 14th and Monday, November 11, Veterans Day. For these months, we will meet Oct 7th and November 4th. The schedule was viewed favorably by everyone present. We discussed use of a conference phone/bridges and no one had any objections.

- NJ Tree Recovery Program, in recognition of trees lost from Superstorm Sandy:
 - Claudia reviewed the plan for NJ Tree Recovery Program application (sent via separate email). Claudia sent a letter to Mayor-elect Lance White to obtain approval for Mantoloking to apply for participation in this program. She read the letter aloud in the MEC meeting.
 - We will consider combining this with an Earth Day celebration as well as the Borough clean-up day.
- For our January meeting, we will be reviewing our project list and adding to it to achieve more for 2019.

Measurable Policy Contributions

Accomplishments for this year include:

Action/Date	Accomplishment
Approved 2/13/18	Statement from the MEC in Opposition of Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program
Passed 2/13/18	Resolution from the Council in Opposition of Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program
Attended 3/24/18	ANJEC Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commission Training
Attended 4/12/18	Claudia Larsen attended Lecture by Dr. Louise Wootton, of the Department of Biology, Georgian Court University on Low Impact Design Strategies for storm water management.
Co-organized 6/8/18	With the NJDEP's Allison McLeod and Claudia Larsen, MEC, MDPW, the Barnegat Bay Blitz had 22 volunteers that cleaned the bay access points at Albertson, Princeton, Arnold, Bergen N and S, and Lagoon. We did a beach sweep from Albertson to north of Downer. This was the largest turnout in the 3 years we participated.
Announced 6/13/18	Launched Recycle Coach App for all Mantoloking residents to use to recycle better, smarter.
Co-organized 6/20 and 6/27/18	MYC/MEC Aluminum Water Bottles sales and decorating party for kids to stop the use of plastic water bottles.
Attended 7/18/2018	Jan and Claudia attended the Save Barnegat Bay Annual Meeting and heard a lecture about Clinging Jellyfish.



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Attended 9/14/18	Municipal Stormwater Management Dinner at the Eco Center of Save Barnegat Bay. Attended by Claudia, Barbara, and Connie
Attended 9/20/18	Offshore Wind in the New York/New Jersey Bight hosted by Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to discuss the feedback BOEM has received in the recently published Call for Information and Nominations (Call) for potential offshore wind energy leasing and development in the Bight. Attended by Jan O'Malley.
Attended 9/18, 9/25 & 10/2/18	SBB Workshop Series by Michele Donato, "Responding to a Notice of Development - Panic or Pro-action", "The Devil is in the Details" and "The New Jersey Dept of Environmental Protection- Permits, Notices and Actions That Can be Taken". Attended by Jan O'Malley
Attended 10/18/18	Jersey-Friendly Yards Conference - "Inspiration for Your Jersey-Friendly Yard" Claudia attended this all-day conference. There is a list of native plants at jerseyyards.com
Attended 11/17/18	"Putting Your Garden to Bed" co-sponsored by Save Barnegat Bay and the Native Plant Society of New Jersey at Island Beach State Park. Attended by Barbara Turro.

Calendar of Events:

The Seaweeders Garden Club plans to have a presentation on native plants in March 2019.

Jan moved a motion to close the meeting. John seconded; all were in favor. The meeting ended at 5:40 PM.