



MANTOLOKING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Attendance:

MEC Member	Present?
Jan O'Malley, Chair	Yes
Brad Batcha (Borough Council Liaison) (by phone)	Yes
Barbara Benz	Yes
Denise Boughton (Planning Board Liaison)	No
Beth Nelson	Yes
Connie Pilling	No
Barbara Turro	Yes
John Wesson	No

The meeting was called to order at the Mantoloking Borough Hall at 5:35 PM.

Old Business:

General:

Meeting Minutes

Beth. made, a motion, and Barbara B. seconded, to approve the November 2019 meeting minutes as distributed via email on November 5, 2019 @ 2:35 PM. All present voted to approve. Jan will ask Edwin to post the minutes on the Borough web site. (Completed)

Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI)

- Jan had emailed an updated draft of the ERI to MEC members, Brad Batch, Borough Council liaison, Larry Plevier, Borough Engineer, Jane White, Chair of the Planning Board and Lance White, Mayor on November 25th for review. She had met with Larry Plevier twice and had incorporated his input. MEC members present then reviewed ERI recommendations in Sections 6.8 – 6.15. Jan will incorporate the comments discussed and will circulate an updated version to MEC members before the next meeting. Once the ERI is approved by the MEC, Jane White would like to review it in the Planning Board sub-committee.
- As part of the ERI discussion, the MEC thought that Borough residents should be made more aware of what “Community Policing” entails. Brad Batcha was requested to follow up to organize such a meeting/seminar most likely to be held in June. Jan agreed to send Brad an email summarizing what was being requested. (Completed)

Green Team

- The Green Team ordinance was passed in the November Borough Council meeting. This should be sufficient to allow the Borough to apply for the Roots for Rivers grant.
- We agreed to postpone discussion of Green Team leadership and potential Green Team projects to the next meeting.



“Choose to Reuse” Campaign resolution

Brad stated that Sea Girt was considering banning the use of plastic bags in their town and that perhaps Mantoloking should consider having its own ordinance against their use so they don't show up on the beach.

The Protection and Health of the Land

- As John was not present, there was no update on the Japanese Black Pines.
- Haley has completed the draft Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant & Technical Assistance grant for the Princeton, Downer, Lyman beach access point landscaping. She circulated the draft grant application to all MEC members, the Mayor, Brad Batcha and the Borough Clerk for review. There are a few more minor details to finalize, and then Jan will submit the grant application through the Sustainable Jersey web site before its December 13, 2019 due date. (Completed) Thanks so much to Haley for taking this project on and doing such a complete job!

The Protection and Health of the Ocean and Barnegat Bay

- Jan reported that she had spoken a few weeks prior with the Mayor regarding the Mantoloking Police Marine Patrol Unit. He discussed a proposal of donating the current boat to the Ocean County Sheriff in exchange for a Memorandum of Understanding that would memorialize that the Sheriff would provide marine patrol of Mantoloking shorelines Fridays – Sundays from late June through Labor Day for a number of years, potentially 10. There has been no further update from the Mayor, Public Safety Committee or Finance Committee on this topic.
- Jan brought a Cora Ball to the meeting. It is designed to go in the wash and filter out microplastics before they go into the ocean. She provided information to MEC members for purchase (<http://rozaliaproject.org/stop-microfiber-pollution/>).

Communication:

Jan stated that Denise has been extremely busy. Jan invited MEC members to share information to the MEC Facebook site until we have time to discuss what and how to post going forward.

New Business:

- The MEC members present reviewed the 2019 Annual Report to the Borough Council that she had circulated via email for review. A few corrections and clarifications were made. Jan will follow-up with Beth and then send the final version to the Mayor and Borough Clerk. (Completed)
- The MEC and Brad Batcha agreed that we should apply for the NEW JERSEY TREE RECOVERY CAMPAIGN 2020 due Jan 16, 2020. This supplies trees to residents for planting. As part of the application, we will request trees suitable for our barrier island environment.



December 9, 2019

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- Jan noted the following upcoming environmental events and asked who might attend:
 - Ocean County Sustainable Hub Meeting #5 Jan 13 @ 6:30 PM
- Jan reviewed and updated the MEC member accomplishments to date for inclusion in the 2019 Annual Report.

Action/Date	Accomplishment
March 12	Claudia attended the Seaweeders' presentation on "Environmental Challenges"
March 20	Barbara T. attended the Save Barnegat Bay (SBB) Retreat, Island Beach State Park. Topics included Helping People Understand What they are Experiencing, Visual Storytelling, Bringing Oysters back to Barnegat Bay, Drones, Brainstorming for New Exhibits
April 10	Jan attended the lecture "Landscaping in a Shore Community" in Point Pleasant Beach
April 27	Claudia handed out tree seedling to residents
June 8	Jan and Barbara T. participated in the Barnegat Bay Blitz.
July 15	Jan and Barbara T. attended Ocean County Sustainability Hub meeting #2
July 23	Beth and Jan attended the SBB Annual Meeting
Sept 7	John attended the Island Beach State Park Beach Plum Festival and brought back various environmental materials
Sept 16	Jan, Barbara T. and Beth attended the Ocean County Sustainable Hub meeting #3 at SBB
Sept – Oct	Barbara B. took the classes and became certified as a Barnegat Bay Master Naturalist
Oct 16	Jan participated in a Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant & Technical Assistance Opportunity webinar
Oct 22 – 24	Jan and Barbara B. attended the Save Barnegat Bay Charting a Course for Barnegat Bay Conference
Oct 26	Jan and Barbara B. attended the ANJEC Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions training
Oct 28	Jan participated in a Planning Solar for the Whole Community webinar
Oct 28	Denise participated in Our Plastic Society: Research on the Presence of Microplastics in Shellfish" webinar
Nov 13	Jan and Barbara B. attended How Energy Savings Improvement Plans Fund Energy Upgrades webinar
Dec 10	Jan attended a Grass is Greener with a Sustainable Jersey Grant webinar

Any other business:

- The MEC agreed to request changing the meetings back to the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 PM. Jan will follow up with the Mayor and Borough Clerk to see if this is possible.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM. The 2020 MEC meeting schedule will be announced in the Borough's Organizational Meeting on January 3, 2020.