



MANTOLOKING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Meeting took place at 305 Downer Ave., Beth Nelson’s home

Attendance:

MEC/Green Team Members	Present?
Brad Batcha (liaison; Member Borough Environmental Committee)	No
Barbara Hood Benz, Chair	Yes
Denise Boughton	No
D’Arcy Green (liaison; Chair Borough Environmental Committee)	No
Haley Kardek	Yes
Beth Nelson	Yes
Connie Pilling	Yes
Barbara Turro	No
John Wesson	No
Green Team Member	
Jan O’Malley	Yes, called in

Utilizing the Borough’s bridge number, the virtual meeting was called to order at approximately 5:40 PM.

Meeting Minutes

Haley Kardek made a motion via an email (6/27 at 5:06 PM) to approve the May 2020 Meeting Minutes. Barbara Turro (present at the May meeting) seconded the motion via a phone conversation at 10:22 am on 6/29/20. These minutes had been distributed 5/27/20 at 4:21 PM.

Green Team Business →

- In order to have “backup points” – in case one/more of our submitted actions don’t meet with approval by Sustainable Jersey – several additional actions not currently part of the submission were discussed.
 - Green Challenges (10 points): Agreed that Haley will draft a water audit challenge possibly to be executed by the Jr Sailing Group. Haley will contact Jennifer, the head of this MYC program.
 - Vulnerable Populations Identification for Emergencies (10 points): Beth will check with Bob McIntyre to determine whether his time has freed up at all.
 - Fleet Inventory (10 points): While this action is a great deal of work, Jan indicated that she will pursue it if points are needed.
 - Adopt a Complete Streets Policy (10 points): In light of the recent proposed ordinance change to parking, is there an opportunity to incorporate “complete streets policy”?
 - Barbara B. to contact Brad Batcha to determine what’s driving the ordinance change & ask how we can provide input. *(completed; Barbara B. & Jan are meeting to draft written input)*



- After much discussion as to what does “local” mean relative to “buying local”, it was agreed that we will not pursue the Buy Local Campaign Action at this time.

MEC Business →

- **The Protection and Health of the Land**
 - **Japanese Black Pines** – No update. (John)
 - **2020 Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant**
 - Now that the town budget has been approved, Beth will touch base with April to inquire about the status of the plant order. Once the order is placed, a planting date will be set.
 - Haley will put together an educational talk on “creating a living dune system” which will be presented at the onset of this planting work.
 - The formal grant report is now due Nov. 6th.
 - **Mantoloking July 4th Celebration** -- Plans are to setup a table from which we will distribute reusable bags & place a display showing past completed & future planned events.
 - Reusable bags: It was decided we would purchase 200 (assuming \$2.10/bag for this volume) blue reusable bags with the MEC logo and “Like us on Facebook” printed on one side.
 - Cost is for one setup (\$55) + \$2.10/200 bags = \$475. We have \$625 remaining in our budget.
 - 13” x 10” base and 15” high
 - Beth will provide a 6 ft table...*(Chris D’Alessandro indicated we might be able to use the parade registration table)*
 - Barbara will bring a white tablecloth.
 - Beth volunteered a standing tri-fold display piece we can place on the table.
 - Haley will put together displays to be placed on right & left portions of display. They will advertise both past completed & future planned events.
 - Barbara B. will decorate the center with the MEC logo, members of the MEC/Green Team, and “Like us on Facebook”.
 - Barbara B. will contact Chris D’Alessandro to verify that the MYC approves of what we’re doing and is o’kay with where we place the table and the time. *(completed)*
 - Chris agreed with the time (10:30 – 11:30) and suggested we place the table adjacent to the fence on the grass.
- **The Protection and Health of the Ocean and Barnegat Bay**
 - **Mantoloking Police Marine Patrol Unit**
 - The boat is docked on the south side of the main dock at the MYC.
 - *Based upon 6/28 email from Stacy Ferris, “Due to limited staff, we are going to start with Wed., Thur., Fri. 9 – 3 or 10 – 4 (we are working that out internally), Sat. & Sun. 9 – 5.”*
 - *Also based upon the 6/28 email, “Joe Celentano is spearheading a fund raiser to help the Borough purchase a new boat new year. The one we are currently using was donated along with the engines and they are currently in*



need of 16K in repairs. Our marine mechanics have told us they are at the end of their life and we would need new ones.”

- **Beach Cleanup Event**
 - Given our assumption that the beach is currently being maintained/cleaned by the municipality (*Barbara B. verified this with both Brad and Scott*), Sun., Sept. 20th is being targeted for our next cleanup.
 - Barbara B. to speak with Scott regarding use of Clean Communities funding to provide supplies such as gloves & bags. (*Completed...he requested that we remind him as the date approaches*)
- **Communication:**
 - MEC FB page has continued to be updated. Please continue to send to Barbara B. anything you think is appropriate for posting. (Barbara B./Denise)

Upcoming Events

- ANJEC Webinar: Learn How to Save Energy, Money, and the Environment with NJ's Clean Energy Program, 6/30, 6-7 PM; email info@anjec.org to register.

2020 Accomplishments:

- The ERI was finalized. A link was established from the Borough web page and a copy was provided to Jane White in her capacity as Chair of the Planning Board. (1/21/2020)
- The 2020 NJ Tree Recovery Program application for seedlings was submitted (1/13/2020) and approved by the NJ DEP (1/31/2020).
- Partnered with Save Barnegat Bay to hold town wide clean-up of bay and ocean areas on 3/15/2020. Sixteen volunteers showed up and 12+ bags of garbage were collected.
- Attended Sustainable Jersey Webinars:
 - 1/29/2020, What's New in 2020, Program Updates: Barbara T. & Barbara B.
 - 2/5/2020, Making a Game Plan for Getting Certified: Barbara T. & Barbara B.
 - 2/6/2020, 2020 Census: Barbara T. & Barbara B.
 - 2/11/2020, Staying in the Game: Strategize Your Recertification: Barbara T.
 - 3/4/2020, Sustainable Jersey, Green Team 2.0: Building Your Capacity & Promoting Your Team: Beth N., Barbara B., and Barbara T.
 - 4/6/2020, 2020 Certification Cycle Changes Webinar: Barbara B.
- The Changing Economics of Recycling Seminar at Rowan College on 2/26/2020. Barbara B. attended.
- Rutgers Cooperative Extension: Overview of NJ's Artificial Reef Program on 3/2/2020 attended by Haley Kardek.
- ANJEC, Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions Webinar on 3/28/2020 attended by Beth Nelson and Barbara Turro.
- Pinelands Preservation Alliance, Shoreline Protection Webinar on 4/20/2020 attended by Barbara T.
- PPA, Shoreline Protection Webinar repeated on 4/30/2020 & attended by Barbara B., Haley, and Beth.



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- ANJEC Webinar: Single-Use Plastics, The Impact of Litter on Habitat & Waterways, 4/30/2020, attended by Barbara B., Barbara T, and Haley.
- Planting of 18 PPA donated Beach Plums at Downer Beach access point. Plants laid out on 5/15 by Haley & Beth. Planted on 5/20 by Haley. Ongoing watering being performed by Beth & Larry Plevier.
- KMM Webinar Series – Electric Vehicle Charging Stations on 5/20/2020 attended by Barbara B.
- Organized & promoted PPA Educational Program on 5/27/20.
 - “Protecting Critical Dune and Beach Habitat” was presented by Ryan Rebozo, PhD Director of Conservation Science via Zoom.
 - Co-sponsored with BH Environmental Commission
 - Advertised via MEC FB, the Ocean Star, the Mantoloking Reporter, Blogtrottr, and placed on Municipal website.
- ANJEC Webinar: Environmental Commissions Functioning & Flourishing in Unique Times, 6/11/20 attended by Barbara B.
- Sustainable Jersey Bronze certification application submitted on 6/14/20. As a part of this application, the following actions were documented:
 - Animals in the Community Education (10 points)
 - Community Education & Outreach (15 points)
 - Create a Green Team (10 points)
 - Climate Adaptation: Flooding Risks (20 points)
 - Emergency Communications Planning (15 points)
 - Environmental Commission (10 points)
 - Natural Resource Inventory (20 points)
 - Digitizing Public Information (10 points)
 - Improve Public Engagement in Municipal Government (15 points)
 - Municipal Communications Strategy (10 points)
 - Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal (10 points)
 - Recycling and Waste Reduction Education and Compliance (15 points)

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:32 PM. Our next meeting is on 7/28/2020 at 5:30 PM.