



December 28, 2021

Meeting Minutes No: 2021-12

MANTOLOKING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at Mantoloking Borough Hall

Attendance:

MEC/Green Team Members	Present?
Barbara Hood Benz, Chair	Yes
Denise Boughton	No
John Mooney	Yes
Beth Nelson	No
Barbara Turro	Yes
John Wesson	Yes
Green Team Members	
Jan O'Malley	No
Peter Andruss	Yes

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:35 PM. A quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes

John Mooney made a motion to accept the November 2021 Meeting minutes and Barbara Turro seconded it. The minutes were approved. Jan O'Malley had volunteered previously to take the January 2022 minutes.

Chairman Comments

Barbara Benz read Resolution 2021 - 2, officially appointing Jan O'Malley and Peter Andruss to the Mantoloking Green Team. Barbara Benz moved to accept the appointments and John Wesson seconded. The motion passed. We officially welcomed Jan and Peter to the Green Team.

Green Team Business →

- Fall Sustainable Jersey PSE&G Grant Cycle: Barbara Benz attended a meeting on the Sustainable Jersey grant cycle which opened in November and will accept on line applications, with a deadline date of February 11, 2022. There are four grant levels available. We expect to apply for the \$2,000 grant. The cost of any project must be worked out fully in the application. With the deadline looming the group discussed potential projects to include in the grant.
 - Resident Pamphlet: Environmental Advice for Landscaping/Construction
 - Purchase of seed packets for distribution during July 4th Townwide Event
 - MEC shirts or hats
 - Cost of dune plantings
 - Street end plantings (B Benz to contact Brett Radi on feasibility)
 - Cost of Zoom meetings
- Sustainable Jersey Update/Action Spreadsheet: Our current goal is to maintain Bronze status. Jan did not attend the meeting and we will need her input before proceeding to use



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the spreadsheet to stay up to date with activities and subjects pertaining to updating our Sustainable Jersey Actions and working on new ones. Barbara B. registered John Mooney, John Wesson, and Peter Andruss with Sustainable Jersey.

MEC Business →

Planning Board

- 915 Barnegat Lane: There are currently no updates regarding this property.
- Other Business: John W. briefed the Commission on the upcoming applications. There are two currently: (1) one was reviewed in early December 2021 and was approved and (2) another scheduled for January 2022. Each variance seeks permitting for the construction of a generator platform and generator installation.

Japanese Black Pine & Crepe Myrtle Maintenance

- John W. reports that residents have been cooperative and continue to remove dead pine trees as they die off.

ANJEC Climate Change Bill Guidance

- No update from ANJEC.

Swan Point Oyster Array (*Preservation of Swan Point Project*)

- There are no updates regarding this project, but some aerial photographs were taken and can be viewed on MEC Facebook page.

End of Year Report

- Barbara Benz will complete in January.

MEC Facebook Since Last Meeting

- No Events
- Posts since our last MEC meeting:
 - MEC is partnering with the Brick and Point Borough Environmental Commissions to obtain funding for Swan Point protection. Aerial photos over Swan Point were included.

Updates on Other Initiatives:

- **Resident Pamphlet: Environmental Advice for Landscaping/Construction (Jan/Feb 2022)**
 - No update.
 - Include in grant application
- **Pollinating Plants: (Spring 2022)**
 - Target purchase of seed packs in the early spring.
 - Include in grant application.
- **OC Northern Recycling Center Tour for MEC/Green Team Members: (Spring 2022)**
 - No update.



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- **Spring MEC/Green Team Newsletter (Spring 2022)**
 - Targeting April/May publication.
 - Barbara B. suggested that contributions to the newsletter by MEC/Green members would provide the newsletter with different perspectives.
 - Input from members on possible topics will be placed on the January meeting agenda.
- **Walking Tour combining Green Stormwater Management Education with Native Gardens Education: (Spring 2022)**
 - Setting a date should balance when there are blooms with when there are people around. Barbara T will speak with Beth N. Perhaps Memorial Day timeframe.
- **Beach Clean-up (April 9, 2022)**
 - We will participate with COA again.

New Topics:

MEC/Green Team Goals for 2022

The following ideas for 2022 goals were discussed and the list will be finalized at the January meeting.

- Hold an educational event on Climate Change and Health with C-Change Conversations group.
- Hold an educational event on water quality with Diane Lewis, author of **The Great Healthy Yard Project: Our Yards, Our Children, Our Responsibility.**
- Update the ERI recommendations.
- Work to retain Bronze level with Sustainable New Jersey.
- Progress the Swan Point project.
- Provide education on managing environmental sensitivity.
- Conduct a feasibility study on an EV charging station.
- Continue to educate residents on use of native plants & pollinators.
- Expand MEC/Green Team outreach and membership.

Attended Educational Events:

- **Make Your Town EV Friendly: New Statewide Model EV Ordinance** presented by Sustainable Jersey; 12/7 1 – 2 pm. Barbara Benz
- **2022 Sustainable Jersey Grants Cycle Program**; 12/13 1 – 2 pm. Barbara Benz

Upcoming Educational Events:

- ANJEC: NJ Spotlight Virtual Roundtable: **Storm Flooding in NJ: Improving Stormwater Management & Preparedness**; 1/20 4 pm -5:15 pm.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:38 pm. **Our next meeting will be via Zoom on Tues., 1/25/22 at 5:30 pm.**