



November 22, 2022

Meeting Minutes No: 2022-11

MANTOLOKING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting held in-person in the
Steve Gillingham Meeting Room, Municipal Building**

Attendance:

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

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 PM. A quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes

Beth N made a motion to accept the September 2022 meeting minutes, and Barbara T seconded the motion. The minutes were approved. John M will do the November minutes. Jan graciously agreed to do December's minutes.

MEC/Green Team Regular Business

Planning Board

- The MEC received the Letter of Completeness for the variance application for 1517 Runyon Lane (Block 40, Lot 6.01) in mid-October.
- The members conferred via email and objections to the variance emerged. A letter of opposition was drafted, circulated and finalized among the members over email.
- The MEC decided that reading the letter of opposition into the record during the public comment period at the Nov 2 Planning Board meeting would be the appropriate action.
- The reading of the letter at the meeting was not received well by the board or the applicants. Beth N. reported that there was extensive discussion about the role of the MEC as an advisor to the planning board as well as the timing and format of any advice submitted.
- The MEC decided to develop a formal process for interacting and communicating with the Planning Board on findings of facts and recommendations on issues relating to the environment and send it to the Board for approval by year end.



Bronze Certification

- Mantoloking has received Bronze certification through 2025 by Sustainable New Jersey.

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

- No update

Environmental Resource Inventory

- Jan distributed a draft update of the ERI, both the content and recommendations, prior to the meeting for review by the committee. The committee had a lengthy discussion on the draft update and Jan will make the agreed upon edits and circulate to the members for final approval. Target final draft to be ready by the first week of December. The committee recognized the tremendous effort put in by Jan to complete the update of this crucial document.

Patty Brand Memorial Garden Shoreline Protection & Garden Maintenance

- The Seaweeders' November 2022 Sea Notes publication included an announcement that the MEC is committed to financially supporting the upkeep of the garden and to provide select maintenance tasks.

MEC/Green Team Other Initiatives

Sustainable Jersey PSEG Grant

- Barbara B reported that all grant projects have been completed except for the Construction/Landscaping Advice Pamphlet. Work on this pamphlet will commence in January. It will be focusing on environmentally responsible advice for both new and existing homeowners.
- Final grant report is due 5/21/23.

COA Beach Sweep October 22, 2022

- Peter A. acted as the beach captain and attended the COA training session.
- 13 people participated and covered the entire beach. They reported that the beach was in reasonably good condition in regard to debris.
- The next COA Beach Sweep is scheduled for April 1, 2023.

MEC/Green Team Year End Report and 2023 Goals/Objectives

- The committee discussed and reviewed progress relative to our 2022 goals and objectives.
- All goals were met with the exception of a feasibility study for electric vehicle charging stations in town. This will be carried over into our 2023 program.
- Members are being asked to bring their ideas for 2023 goals and objectives to the December meeting.

Mantoloking Historic District

- Jan has communicated with Andrea Tingey, Historic Preservation Specialist at the NJDEP. She confirmed that there were two eligible historic districts in Mantoloking, but neither were ever listed on the NJ or National Registers.
- Jan included the documents received from the NJDEP in the updated ERI. The eligibility of the districts for listing on the registers may have been compromised by the devastation from Sandy.
- It appears that Mantoloking could place historic district signs, which were up before Sandy, back up because NJ State law does not regulate private undertakings. This would need to be confirmed. Further discussion on potential action is needed.



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MEC Facebook Posts and Events Since 9/27 Meeting

- 12/1 - Save Barnegat Bay posting on removing floating docks.
- 10/20 - A creative use for non-recyclable coffee bags by our transplanted sailmaker!
- 10/11 – Hiking at the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge
- 10/6 – Bird Migration Alert
- 10/1 – Dec. Mantoloking Environmental Commission/Green Team meeting notice.
- 10/1 – Nov. Mantoloking Environmental Commission/Green Team meeting notice.
- 10/1 – 10/22 Beach Sweep Event

Attended Educational Events:

- Climate Change Mini Series – 10/11 by JM

Upcoming Educational Events:

- **Sustainable Landscape Practices** – ANJEC Environmental Commission Roundtable Series - 11/29
- **Stormwater Management Conference** - Save Barnegat Bay 12/6, 11:00am to 3pm at B2 Bistro Water's Edge Bayville, NJ
- **Stormwater Management Success Stories...** League of Conservation Voters webinar - 12/7
- **New Jersey Climate Change Alliance's Annual Conference** 12/9 Rutgers University Campus Busch Student Center

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:57 PM.

The next MEC meeting will be in person at the Borough Hall on Tuesday, 12/12/2022 at 5:30 pm.