



February 27, 2024

Meeting Minutes No: 2024-02

MANTOLOKING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting held in-person in the
Steve Gillingham Meeting Room, Municipal Building
And via conference bridge.**

Attendance:

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

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

Meeting Minutes

At the beginning of the meeting, a quorum was not present, so January's meeting minutes were not voted on. J. Wesson joined the meeting at approximately 6:10 PM.

MEC/Green Team Regular Business

MEC Membership/Chair Appointment

Given that a Chair has not yet been appointed, the Borough's Business Administrator, Brett Radi, has graciously agreed to handle the administration of the Commission. To accommodate Mr. Radi's schedule, it was agreed that MEC/Green Team Meetings going forward will occur at 3 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The only exception to this rule is the December meeting which is scheduled for Mon., Dec. 16th at 3 PM.

The team discussed each of the following Chair Responsibilities/Activities and discussed who would be responsible for each:

- Patty Brand Memorial Garden coordination between the Seaweeders and the Borough: *Barbara*
- Coordination with ANJEC and Recycle Coach: *Brett*
- Advertising for Events (posters, Ocean Star advertising, email blast, website posts): *TBD* depending on the event.



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- May 24th Speaker: *Jan O'Malley*
- Beach Cleanup, April 13th: *Peter Andruss*
- Barnegat Bay Blitz, April 27th: *Barbara*
- Keeping MEC portion of Mantoloking website updated: *Barbara*
- Establishing and sending out Agendas: *Brett*
- Writing Meeting Minutes: *Rotating among the team*
- Forwarding minutes to Borough Clerk once approved: *Brett*
- Sustainable Jersey Bronze certification: *on hold*
- Newsletter: *on hold*
- Facilitate Meeting: *Brett*
- Year End Report: *Brett*

DEP/Planning Board

No Updates.

Preservation of Swan Point Project

No Updates

Patty Brand Memorial Garden Shoreline Protection & Garden Maintenance

Barbara is meeting with Joan Mattia and Scott Hulse on Wed., Feb. 28th at 10 AM at the Patty Brand Garden to discuss its spring cleanup. The Team agreed that \$500 of the MEC budget is still dedicated to the maintenance and general upkeep of this Borough property.

MEC/Green Team Other Initiatives

Calendar

- The spring COA (Coastal Ocean Action) Beach Sweep is set for April 13, 2024 from 9AM – 12PM; Peter Andruss is the Beach Captain.
- Sat., 4/27 -- Barnegat Bay Blitz 2024
- Rachael Miller of the Rozalia Project (<https://www.rozaliaproject.org>) is scheduled to speak at MYC on Friday, May 24, 2024.
- The fall COA Beach Sweep is set for October 19, 2024 from 9AM – 12 PM.

MEC Attended Educational Events:

- None

Upcoming Educational Events:

- NJ Coastal and Climate Resilience Conference in March 14 – 16, 2024 Monmouth University sponsored by NJ DEP
- The NJ Sustainability in Motion Conference, March 6 – 8, 2024, Ceasars Atlantic City



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New Topics:

- None

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

The next MEC meeting will be in person and at the Borough Hall and via phone on Tuesday, 03/26/2024 at 3 pm.