



June 22, 2021

Meeting Minutes No: 2021-06

MANTOLOKING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting took place via Zoom

Attendance:

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

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

Meeting Minutes

John Mooney made a motion to approve the May 2021 Meeting Minutes. Haley Kardek seconded the motion. These minutes had been distributed 6/4/21 at 3:17 PM.

Green Team Business →

- MEC was not awarded the PSE&G Sustainable Jersey Grant.
 - During a debriefing with Kaitlyn Vollmer, Barbara B. was told that if not for the t-shirt request amount, we would likely have received the grant. Everything else was in good order.
 - We were encouraged to reapply during the next cycle that should be available this fall.

MEC Business →

Planning Board

- No new business with the board.
- A discussion ensued regarding the classification of pools:
 - *As per **Chapter 30-4.10 section g of the Borough Code**, "Pools shall not be included in the calculation of lot coverage. Total impervious coverage including the pool may not exceed forty-five (45%) percent of the total lot area. See subsection **30-6.8**."*
 - *As per **Chapter 30-6.8, section 3 of the Borough Code**, "The calculation of lot coverage will not include the following:*
 - (a) Decks which are less than eight (8) inches above existing grade;*
 - (b) Swimming pools; or*
 - (c) Areas covered with gravel, crushed stone, lawns or other vegetation.*
 - (d) Steps and stair platforms over a permeable area up to two hundred (200) square feet in area in both front and rear yards and seventy-five (75) square feet*



in only one (1) sideyard area. The steps and stair platforms shall be parallel to lot sidelines and unenclosed in any manner.

(e) Synthetic substitutes for natural vegetation shall not be utilized for permanent surface coverage on any property in any zone within the Borough of Mantoloking.”

- Therefore, given that “total impervious” includes the pool and “total lot area” does not include the pool, the calculation of impervious % of total lot is favorable towards minimizing impervious coverage.
- Is there still an issue? Need Beth’s input on this topic.

Japanese Black Pines

- No update. In our excitement of discussing impervious land cover percentages, this topic was passed over.

2020 Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant

- Kaitlyn Vollmer finally contacted Haley regarding the unspent grant money. Accordingly, Haley will be given direction during the week 6/28 as to how the money should be returned.
- Barbara B. will post something on FB regarding the timing of bunny guard removal.

ANJEC Climate Change Bill Guidance

- This guidance has not yet been published.

Preservation of Swan Point

- Jan reported that Dennis Blazak (current chair of the Pt Pleasant Borough EC and the Community Plans and Liaison Officer at Naval Weapons Station Earle) has indicated this project is likely moving forward in Oct. 2022/Fiscal Year 2023.
- Once we get the go ahead, a resolution should be drafted authorizing our participation in building oyster castles to protect this area. As per Dennis, the American Littoral Society is also potentially getting involved.

MEC Facebook Postings

- Posts since our last MEC meeting:
 - Climate Change Educational *Event* on 7/8 + two other postings
 - Killdeer Nesting on Resident’s driveway
 - History of Double Trouble State Park
 - Market Baskets on beach entrances
 - No smoking on beaches/accessways within Borough that are open and available to the public
 - Protect Piping Plovers and Least Turns nesting on Mantoloking beaches
 - Disposal of American flags at Municipal Building
 - Drive up Shred Day for community at local community bank

**Updates on other 2021 Initiatives:**

Date(s)	Initiative Description & Updates	Owner(s)
June	<p><i>MEC/Green Team Newsletter</i> – Summer Edition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The summer edition was distributed in late June via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mantoloking Ready on 6/29 ○ Mantoloking Reporter on 6/30 ○ Environmental page of Mantoloking.org • Topics included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Message from the Chairwoman & request to check our FB page regularly ○ Upcoming Events ○ Recycle Coach ○ Keeping Trash Out of our Waterways – Market Baskets at beach entrances ○ Back Door Pickup of Garbage & Recycling ○ Beach Water Quality Testing ○ Protecting Our Waterways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stormwater runoff precautions ▪ Native plants 	Barbara B.
7/4/2021	<p>Educational table with “give-away” at July 4th town-wide event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seed packets were not available but Denise was able to obtain reusable straws with the MEC logo on them to give away. • Haley and Barbara B. got together to update the tri-fold that presents pictures from past events as well as upcoming events. • Barbara B. coordinated with MYC. We shared the float registration table with the MYC which also had a tent. • The table was advertised on the MEC FB page from the perspective of getting free reusable bags and straws given that the law is changing Nov. 2021 (straws will only be given out upon request) and May 2022 (banning of plastic bags). • The table was manned by Jan, Barbara T., Barbara B., Haley, and John M. from 11:30 – 1:30 during the open grill period. • Also available from the table were maps of the Walking Tour. 	Denise Barbara B.
7/4/2021	<i>Walking Tour</i> combining Green Stormwater Management Education with Native Gardens Education	Beth Barbara T.



Other Summer Dates?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 7/4/21, a Native Garden Self-Tour of Barbara Turro's and Beth Nelson's homes occurred from 11:30 – 4 pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willie deCamp had considered participating but unfortunately didn't have enough time to remove the poison ivy growing throughout his garden area. Certain native plants were marked with their names in both gardens. Barbara B. created an event on the MEC FB page to advertise the tour. She also created a map which was posted online and made available at the July 4th MEC table. Haley ordered MEC yard signs which were placed at both Beth's and Barbara T.'s homes. Ideas as to future Walking Tours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on rain barrels, rain gardens, porous groundcover, etc. would be dispensed at each location. Locations could potentially include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Albertson (John Wesson's property) Claudia Larsen property Patty Brand Memorial Garden Kellogg property on Channel that includes Osprey nesting structures 	
7/8/21	<p><i>Climate Change presentation/educational event</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-Change Conversation has been booked for Thurs., 7/8 at 5 PM at the MYC for a one-hour presentation that heavily relies on visuals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MYC (Lauren Fasolo, MYC Rear Commodore, and Al Pfeuffer, MYC General Manager) has worked closely with Haley and John M. to organize the event. Using inside space with all the doors and windows open. The inside space is capped at 70 people. Jan, John M., and Barbara B. are paying the honorarium of \$300. Tech: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dallas Heatherington (C-Change Presenter) will provide a big projector and laptop. Haley has purchased a large screen which may need to be positioned on top of a box to ensure everyone can see it. 	Haley John M.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MYC will provide the rest. ● Marketing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Haley created a flyer which has been posted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On the MEC FB page ▪ Placed on the Firehouse Announcement Board ▪ Sent out via the Mantoloking Reporter ▪ Sent out to MYC membership ▪ Sent out via a Mantoloking Ready email and text ▪ Sent out via the Bay Head Mantoloking Gazette ▪ Placed at the PO ○ Information on the event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Placed on the Borough Calendar. ▪ Disseminated during the June Council Meeting on 6/15 by Barbara B. ▪ Publicized in the Ocean Star Mantoloking Calendar. ▪ Ocean Star article on event published in 7/2/21 issue. ● Day of the Event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A table, similar to what is being setup for July 4th, will be setup in the entrance of the event. ○ John M., Haley, and Barbara B. will show up early around 4 pm to setup everything up. ○ Haley will record the event and the recording will be posted on the MEC FB page. 	
Summer	<p><i>OC Northern Recycling Center Tour</i> for MEC/Green Team members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No Update ● Beth verified that the Recycling Center is available for tours during the week only. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The group agreed that Mondays would work the best. ● Beth reported that at this time, they are still not doing tours due to Covid. They will contact her when they're ready. 	Beth
Summer	<p><i>Environmental Basics Residential Pamphlet.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Barbara B. will focus on this project once the C-Change Presentation has taken place. ● The pamphlet will be distributed as following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mantoloking Reporter ○ Facebook and Borough Website 	Denise, Barbara B.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Physical version available to residents in Borough Hall (Zoning Office?) ● Include information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Benefits of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Native plants (pollinators) ▪ Environmentally sensitive lawns (inclusive of their connection to stormwater management & nonpoint source pollution) ○ Pool Drainage Tips ○ Irrigation Systems and their impact on the environment ○ Not clearing out pollinators in the Fall by not cleaning up your gardens 	
Summer/Fall	<p>Recycling Mailer and Magnet whose intent is to educate residents on recycling rules & advertise the Recycle Coach app.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No progress at this time. ● The Mailer will be on 8.5" x 11" inch paper with printing on both sides while the Magnet will be 4" x 6". <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As per feedback from Sustainable Jersey during the certification process, the mailer needs to be a "picture" based. Do's on one side and Don'ts on the other side. ● Both items will be distributed by the Borough in the Oct. CRS mailing. ● Haley had already started a version of the Mailer and will send this to Barbara B. (done) 	John W., Denise, Haley, Barbara
Fall	<p>MEC/Green Team Newsletter – Fall Edition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No progress at this time. 	Barbara B.
10/23/21	<p>Beach Clean-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No update. 	Barbara B.
Early Spring 2022	<p>Pollinating Plants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Given the unavailability of seed packets in June/July, we will instead pursue purchasing these packets early next spring. ● Include this cost in the Sustainable Jersey Fall Grant cycle? 	Barbara T., Haley, Beth

New Topics:

- Haley announced that she will be attending Law School majoring in Environmental Law on the West coast starting this Fall. She will be sorely missed! Congrats Haley!!



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Attended Educational Events:

- ANJEC: Advancing Stormwater Management, 6/16, 7-8 pm; attended by Barbara B. and Barbara T.
- Rutgers, NJ Climate Change Resource Center: Harmful Algal Blooms, 6/16, 12 noon – 1:30 pm; attended by Barbara B.
- ANJEC: Rolling Out the New Plastic Pollution Reduction Law, 6/22, 12 noon – 1 pm; attended by Barbara B.

Upcoming Educational Events: None of interest at this time.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:01 pm. **Our next meeting is on Tues., 7/27/21 at 5:30 pm.**