



November 23, 2020

Meeting Minutes No: 2020-11

## **MANTOLOKING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

### **Meeting took place via Zoom**

Attendance:

<b>MEC/Green Team Members</b>	<b>Present?</b>
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	No
Barbara Turro	Yes
John Wesson	Yes
<b>Green Team Member</b>	
Jan O'Malley	Yes

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:32 PM.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Barbara Turro made a motion to approve the October 2020 Meeting Minutes. Beth Nelson seconded the motion. These minutes had been distributed 11/3/20 at 4:37 PM.

### **Green Team Business →**

Sustainable Jersey Application: The application was submitted on 11/22 and if both revised actions are approved, we will have earned 170 points AND our bronze certification. Actions that were revised and resubmitted are:

- Natural Resource Inventory (20 pts)
  - Based upon feedback from Sustainable Jersey, a letter on township letterhead is being requested that outlines the plan for working with the Planning Board prior to the Master Plan being revisited in 2027.
  - This letter was obtained from Joseph Coronato the Planning Board Attorney. However, the letter was on his law firm's letterhead, not Borough of Mantoloking letterhead. Hopefully this detail will not be a problem.
- Recycling and Waste Reduction Education and Compliance (20 pts)
  - As per the latest feedback from Sustainable Jersey, a letter from the Borough Clerk has been requested that documents the following:
    - The Borough of Mantoloking does not receive reports on recycling compliance from Republic Services, the company from who we receive recycling services.



- There does exist a rejection sticker which in 2019 was placed on resident receptacles on the occasion that the recycling collector noted an infraction of recycling rules. This practice was discontinued in 2020 due to the pandemic.
- Republic Services does not provide reports to the borough on the placement of these stickers; it's not part of their contract with us. Nor did I receive calls from residents in 2019 regarding the placement of these stickers on their recycling containers.
- Recycling audits are performed by the OC Health Department but only cover non-residential areas of Mantoloking. An audit was last performed in 2019.
- This letter was obtained and was attached to this action prior to resubmitting.

### **MEC Business →**

- **The Protection and Health of the Land**
  - **Japanese Black Pines** – John reported that he is now working on a huge dead black pine 10 ft into Brick on the right of way as well as a number near the power station. Other than these, there are still dead trees between Lyman and Herbert which will require police assistance in order to take down safely.
  - **2020 Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant**
    - The final report was submitted on 11/6/20.
    - There exists \$68 in surplus money from the grant. The thinking is that it'll be used in the spring to replace any plants that didn't survive; it should pay for approximately 10 plants. However, we have not yet heard back as to whether this plan for the dollars is acceptable.
- **The Protection and Health of the Ocean and Barnegat Bay**
  - **Beach Cleanup**
    - Barbara B. sent an email to Clean Ocean Action regarding a spring clean-up but she has not heard back as of yet. Beth indicated she will forward the contact information for Cindy Zipf, the Executive Director.
    - A date will be selected once Barbara B. has contacted Scott Hulse to coordinate with the municipality.
- **Other Business:**
  - **Year-End Report**
    - Given that we're hoping to receive positive feedback from Sustainable Jersey in mid-Dec., the report cannot be finalized until after that point. It will therefore be sent to the Mayor and Council by year end but it will not be discussed during a business council meeting until either Jan. or Feb. depending on what Beverley suggests makes sense.
    - The draft report was distributed to MEC/Green Team members on 11/24 for feedback prior to our next meeting.
  - **Potential MEC Vacancy:** Connie has officially resigned according to Beth who received an email from her. Beth will inquire as to Joan Mattia's interest in joining the group.
  - **Police Boat:** This initiative is moving forward with the town. Joe Celetano kicked off conversation on this topic during the last Council Meeting with a brief presentation as



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to how the money raised for the boat will be used and Staci indicated that she has staff. At this point, the boat just needs to be purchased.

- 2021 Goals: It was agreed that everyone on the team should look through the ERI and come up with 2 initiatives/events related to our goals as outlined in that document. Barbara B. agreed to send out a reminder to the team during the week of 12/7/20.
- **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)

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:37 pm. **Our next meeting is on Tues., 12/22/20 at 5:30 pm.**