

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

December 15, 2021

Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairperson Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom Meeting

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ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING STATEMENT:

To show that proper notice of this meeting has been given, Chairperson Michael Ticktin stated that the minutes indicate: "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, by notices published in the Times of Trenton on January 26, 2021 and in the Asbury Park Press on January 27, 2021 and posted on the bulletin boards in the Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office."

The Roll was called by Secretary, Kaitlyn Ippolito

ROLL CALL:

Present: Kim Felong, Mike Hamilton, Mike Ticktin, Mary Tulloss, Ellen Silverman

Absent: Sam Ashburner, Tim Hartley, Nick Murray

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: Chairperson Ticktin opened the meeting to the public for the agenda at 7:02p.m. Seeing no public comment, the public portion for the agenda was closed at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion was made by Mary Tulloss to approve the agenda and second was made by Michael Hamilton. This passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIASON: None

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIASON: Mike Hamilton reports that at the council meeting on December 6, 2021, Andrew Thomas, the Borough Planner was in attendance. Mr. Thomas discussed our need for a housing plan element to address our Affordable Housing Requirement. The Borough Council hired a part-time Public Works employee to help Greg DeFoe.

The Borough received a DEP Stewardship Grant in the amount of \$8,515.00 with a 20% in kind contribution by the Borough.

The Borough Council had a closed session to discuss two issues, Green Acres encroachment on a horse farm and private property drainage issue.

Mike Ticktin reports that he made a comment on the builder's remedy situation. Michael Hamilton states that at the Watershed presentation it was recommended that we change our 50-foot buffer zones to 150 feet near all head waters to protect the land from encroachment. That's one thing that may reduce our developable land and help with our affordable housing requirement. The members discuss properties with outstanding taxes and water bills and the American Rescue Plan. Ellen Silverman asks if the Borough Engineer was able to get the money to do the study to figure out where the pipes ended up? Kim Felong asks if the mayor ever brought up the storm drain adoption? C/Hamilton responds that he did not hear it brought up, he will bring it up to the Mayor and the Clerk to add to the agenda. Mary Tulloss states she understands that the Wong farm is for sale, have they tried to put the farm in preservation? Ellen Silverman responds that there is money out there for Green Acres. Michael Ticktin states he is not sure about Farmland Preservation. Michael Ticktin explains that there was a short period of time when you were allowed to get the Farmland Preservation money based on the zoning that was existing in the past 2 years of that property. That 2 years has long past. Basically the Wong's have a 29-acre tract, under current zoning that could have 1 additional house. The Wong tract is away from water and sewer lines, so it may not be attractive to anyone.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative - No report.

Forest Management – Kim Felong reports that she reached out to C/Trammell (back up to Bob Atwood) to becoming CORE certified, training will be in April.

Trails – Sam Ashburner forwarded his report to everyone, he walked the trails from Solar Village to the sewer processing plant and he trimmed branches along the way.

Kim Felong asks about the maintenance on the trails – Ellen Silverman states there are some areas where mulch will make a difference, other areas need something more permanent.

Ellen Silverman states that there continues to be a problem on the bike trail between Pine and the School. It's been reported that leaves have been put in the area to absorb the water. I've said that we were planning on putting mulch down and this Friday we will be putting some mulch down this is a temporary fix.

Invasive Plant Species – Nothing to report.

Stream Monitoring – Mary Tulloss states we have done the monitoring since September, (did we get permission to use borough hall for the third weekend of the month, Friday, Saturday & Sunday as needed from 10am-12pm- use of kitchen. Mike Hamilton will ask to have it put on the Council agenda) after we have done that monitoring's then a quality assurance test is required, to make sure you are doing everything properly. It's like a chemistry lab, you do your analysis. That went fine. This past weekend both Jane and Corkey were at the watershed for the official training. We now have 3 people who are certified. Things are going well with the monitoring.

Sustainable Jersey – Ellen Silverman reports she attended a webinar – they have updated the community arts section. With the Sustainable Jersey Grant Ellen would like to meet with Michael Ticktin and Kim Felong, sometime in January, to go over where we are on that. We had our last virtual green fair on Tuesday, we will probably get points for it. Attendance was poor, it was advertised.

Old Business:

Stream Water Level Gauges – Sam and Tim are heading that up but neither at tonight’s meeting.

Stormwater Maps – Mike Ticktin states Mike Hamilton will talk to Carmella Roberts to see if we can get that moving.

Sustainable Jersey Grant – Has been addressed above.

Environmental video – Has been addressed.

Maintenance of path between RPS and Tamara-Pine Tringle – Ellen Silverman stated that we are doing the mulch on Friday at 9:00am. We can also use the borough engineers help on that also. Mike will also bring to Joe as he has a meeting coming up with the engineer.

New Business: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Kim Felong motioned to adjourn Ellen Silverman offered a second. It was unanimously passed to adjourn at 7:50 P.M.

Maria Dellasala, Secretary