

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

August 17, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairperson Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 7:15 P.M. via Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/3251865085?pwd=L1RWNIhPYTZZdUZ5R3piT0NZWHhuUT09>
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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 and the Asbury Park Press on February 11, 2022 and posted on the bulletin boards in the Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office.”

The Roll was called by Secretary Maria Dellasala

ROLL CALL:

Present: Kim Felong, Nick Murray, Mike Ticktin, Mary Tulloss, Ellen Silverman, David Teich

Absent: Sam Ashburner, Mike Hamilton, Tim Hartley

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion was made by Kim Felong to approve the agenda and second was made by Nick Murray. This passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 20, 2022 – Dave Teich made a motion to approve the July 20, 2022, minutes with a second from Mary Tulloss. The Minutes passed with an abstention from Kim Felong, who was not present at the July 20, 2022 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: None

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON: None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative: None

Forest Management: Kim Felong states that Michael Ticktin, Ellen Silverman and someone else took a course. Ellen Silverman sent Kim her certificate, we need 2 more credits.

NJUCF/TRAILS - Ellen Silverman states we have been working through the summer with specific times for trail work; except for the past 2 weeks due to the heat.

Invasive Plant Species: Steve Taylor reports that Ellen has scheduled a trail invasive species clean-up at the trail head by the school tomorrow evening

Stream Monitoring: Mary Tulloss reports this past weekend is the 3rd., weekend, so it's stream monitoring, not Friday, either Saturday or Sunday (depending on rain and heat). Mary sent an email today to our coordinator at the Watershed Institute asking if they were going to provide us with some analysis of all the data we have been sending into them. It could be very useful for the water story. Today I received an email from Jane Rothfuss who would like to join and work on the water story.

Sustainable Jersey: Ellen Silverman reports that she is busy trying to spend the \$2,000 from the grant. The last thing that went out was the newsletter, it went to Triangle Printing, she will be looking at the proof tomorrow and then it's a 1-day turn around. We should be able to then mail. The grant money that we still have to spend is \$316 I over applied for the newsletter. Will suggest to Sustainable Jersey that we put that money in to possibly a small bench.

The other grant for the Forest Inventory – the Forester we hired in June, we have not been able to get in touch with him. He still owes some paperwork to the borough, to do this job. In the contract it states as of the date he signs the contract he has 4 months to complete this work. It's coming up to the end of that. Ellen will contact who we received the grant from and ask what they suggest we do. The grant is for this year and we need to spend that money this year.

Sustainable Jersey we went through the first round and we have 100 action points and we have 85 points that are pending, second round ends at the end of this month. Ellen was wondering if Sam or Kim can help with the paper work to get these 85 action points cleared by the end of August. Michael Ticktin asks how many points we have? Ellen replies we have applied for 185 points; some are still pending. Some need updating and paperwork, target for bronze is 150 and silver is 350. We do have the water story which may be complete by November. This round ends at the end of August. We earned bronze certification last year, at the end of the year our points went down to 75 because some went out of date. We have points to update and new actions that were applied for but not approved – need more documentation. Kim Felong asks if we have anything that is just pending approval, that needs tweaking, that can be sent to her. Ellen lets Kim know she can just go to the Sustainable Jersey site and see what needs documentation.

Community Involvement: Ellen Silverman states all the things we are doing for Sustainable Jersey Grant with community involvement so we have the newsletter is coming out, we have been putting out calendars monthly and we have events monthly, we have the trails we have invasive plants removal, we have workshops on composting and we now have a new composting display area, cool new benches. Couldn't have done it without Dave Teich.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Mary Tulloss asks Ellen Silverman if she wanted to make her suggestion that people write up things and submit them to Maria, so she would have a summary. Ellen said she was thinking it would be best that if you have a report you write it and submit it, this way it could be added to the minutes.

Ellen Silverman states she met with Joe Trammell about working on the part of the water story that deals with the utilities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairperson Ticktin opened the meeting to the public. No Public Comment. Chairperson Ticktin closed the public forum.

ADJOURNMENT: Kim Felong motioned to adjourn Dave Teich offered a second. It was unanimously passed to adjourn at 7:19 P.M.

Maria Dellasala, Secretary