

Millburn Township Environmental Commission

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 @ 7:30 pm

(virtual meeting via Zoom)

MINUTES

Members: Joseph Barbanel, Edward Hilzenrath, Mark Hubertus (MHS), Jorge Mastropietro, Sean O'Brien, Priya Patel (chair), Elizabeth Vollavanh, Absent: Lisa Chenofsky Singer, Odarka Stockert

Township Committee Liaison: Tara Prupis – absent

Secretary: Carolyn Scannelli

Call to Order: 7:33 pm

Commission Business:

- a. Open public meeting statement: *This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6-10: 4-21. Notice of this meeting has been published in the Item of Millburn and Short Hills, and on Tap as filed by the Environmental Commission and on bulletin board at Millburn Town Hall*
- b. **Master Plan Environmental Goals, Objectives, and Recommendations:**
 - i. Protect and manage critical environmental resources in the township
 - ii. Improve the quality of life for residents
 - iii. Minimize the environmental impact of the township on the environment
- c. Acceptance of June 9, 2020 minutes Sean O'Brien motion to accept, Jorge Mastropietro 2nd, with all in favor.
- d. Treasurer Report (LCS) Review report – not available
- e. New EC Alternate Member Mark Hubertus Millburn High School representative.

Public Comment – No one present.

Communication

- a. Single Use Plastic Ordinance Subcommittee (EH, PP, LCS)
 - Some retailer opposition
 - More signage needed.
 - Local retailer awareness needed
 - Consider amending ordinance
 - Exception to ordinance – pharmacies can use plastic bags. Plastic utensils not included
 - Trader Joe's no longer allowing personal bags amid COVID-19; option place items loose in cart, bag yourself at car.
 - Farmers Market – (PP) has distributed 600-800 reusable (shop local) bags.
 - Township purchased 1000 bags.
- b. Millburn Green Team liaison (SO) – Spoke with CVS & Trader Joe's regarding single use bag ordinance.
- c. Millburn High School liaison – Mark Hubertus – 3-year member MHS Environmental Club, previously held Treasurer position, aqua-fest participant.
- d. Millburn Township Green Schools Team liaison (PP) – no report
- e. Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board (TP) - Jorge Mastropietro

Township Committee Report (TP) - N/A

Planning Board Report (JM)

- Former Wells Fargo site – Option, but not obligated for ground floor retail on Millburn Ave.
 - Twp Committee can approve – 4 votes needed instead of 3
 - Liz & Jorge Subcommittee will draft a resolution; not just Wells Fargo site specific, but all new building construction to include Stormwater management, LEED certified, energy star.
 - Consult with Tara and Jackie on go ahead.
 - Review at September meeting: building by building or town wide.

MEC 2020 Framework for Action: Built & Natural Spaces; Impact & Resilience, Greener Govt

Discuss

- ⇒ Leaf blower Ordinance
 - Will not pass in current state
 - Communication necessary with local landscapers to address issues.
 - ability to perform the work: battery life of equipment, expense of equipment, time constraints, enforcement, measure decimals, cost passed on to customer.

- ⇒ Environmental Justice Resolution
 - S232/A2212 Requires DEP to evaluate environmental and public health stressors of certain facilities on overburdened communities when reviewing certain permit applications.**
Environment and Solid Waste
 - Review bill, discussion and voting to follow at September meeting.

- ⇒ Bike Millburn
 - Sunday September 17
 - 3 routes 16-mile, 6-mile, 2-mile walk/bike
 - Start – municipal lot – end Taylor Park
 - Promotes walking/biking in Millburn
 - Budget for police traffic/safety patrol.
 - Sean O'Brien motioned to vote on financial support of \$500 for the event, Liz Vollavanh 2nd with all in favor.

Announcements/Events/Miscellaneous

- Next MEC Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 7:30 PM

Adjourn 8:39

Carolyn Scannelli
Minutes Secretary