

## **Matawan Environmental Commission January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

In Virtual Attendance: Meredith, Dan W, Michele, Malini, John, Adam, Dan C, Anthony, Diane

**December meeting minutes approved.**

**Malini and Michele reappointed for 2021.**

### **Stormwater Ordinance and Utilities Bill**

Tony gave an update on the new stormwater ordinance. Towns have to account for discharge, etc. Towns can group together to form a utility and collect tax money to address stormwater and flooding issues. Fact sheets from COA/Rally for the Two Rivers attached.

### **Boat Discharge in Lake Lefferts**

There has been an ordinance on the books since 1972, however how do you enforce it. MEC could come up with recommendations and post signage. Suggestion to get a lawyer to interpret the ordinance and advise on how to enforce.

### **Clean Communities Fund**

What is this money being used for and can the MEC have some say on how it's spent?

### **Green Team**

MEC members should come to meeting with suggestions for Green Team members; create a Google sheet

### **Clean Up**

Mer will bring dates in late March/early April to the next meeting to see members' availability. Once some dates are chosen Mer will contact Will from Clean Communities to schedule the cleanup.

Ideas: Have 3 drop off locations to cover more areas: 1. Lake Lefferts 2. Borough Hall 3. Quick Check. Will need MEC volunteers at each site. OR Use Borough Hall as a central meeting place/staging area and people can go clean up wherever they want once they get supplies. Have three locations that volunteers will bring the trash and supplies to for Will to pick up.

Dan C: use kayaks/canoes to clean up lake-this could be its own event in the summer.

Dan W: when renting canoes, if you bring back a bag of trash you will get your rental money returned.

### **Appointing Students to the MEC**

Michele talked to the teacher in charge of the Env. Club and principal (I had to take a call during this update so missed some of the discussion).

### **Osprey Platform**

Joe Reynold from Monmouth County Parks, Bayshore Regional Watershed Council, and Save Coast Wildlife will speak at the Feb. 2021 meeting on steps to install an osprey platform in Matawan. The BRWC is interested in partnering with MEC on the installation.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Meredith Comi**