

Matawan Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2021

Meeting Held Virtually

<https://meet.google.com/yyu-gnat-azt>

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:06pm on October 12, 2021 by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek.

I. Meeting Attendance

a. Present

Commission Members

Daniel Wieczorek (chair)

Ginny Sanzo

Adam Fernandez

Malini Guha

John Lazar – Council Chair

Associate Members

Diane Doolittle

b. Absent

Meredith Comi

Anthony Washington

Sharen LaPorta

Dan Carroll

Michele Devanny

c. Guests

Susan Cole

David Crane

II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

a. Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2021 - Approved

III. NRI/Budget Status/Update (AKA ERI – Environmental Resource Inventory)

- a. (Dan W.) Update on Commission task list - foundational outreach material on ANJEC to assist with a 1 to 2 page info packet for Mayor and Council on the NRI – everyone will see the draft before it goes to Council

IV. Energy Aggregation

- a. (Malini) Should we move towards passing resolutions similar to those that were adopted by Red Bank and Asbury Park to move towards 100% aggregation by 2030, instead of the 30-40% where we are headed now?
- b. Malini will reach out to Red Bank to investigate the mechanisms of moving forward with suppliers, inclusive of cost factors, etc.

V. Storm Water Ordinance

- a. No Report

VI. Single Use Plastics

- a. 2 adoptions available: the minimal ordinance or the stricter one that was available (May 4, 2022 state law takes effect)

VII. Community Garden

- a. Fulfill Food Bank – establish connection and possible presentation from someone who can assist with getting a community garden off the ground (Ginny to follow up)

VIII. Membership and Attendance

- a. Update of current terms and expirations
 - 2021 term expirations:
 - o Sharen LaPorta
 - o Adam Fernandez (Become Planning and Zoning liaison?)
 - o Ginny Sanzo
 - o Associate Members:
 - 1. Michele Devanny
 - 2. Diane Doolittle
 - 3. Dan Carroll
 - 4. Potential student position?
 - 5. Potential student position?

IX. Green Team

- a. No Report

X. Reports on Affiliate Organizations

- a. Matawan Town Council (John)
 - Matawan Day was a success
 - Budget season is coming up in the next few weeks – have fact sheet to Council within the next month
- b. Planning Board (Sharen)
 - No report
- c. Additional Reports from Meetings/Newsletters:
 - Aberdeen Environmental Advisory Board – no report
 - Monmouth County Environmental Council – no report
 - ANJEC – All members, go to ANJEC website and find what you thought was most interesting and report back to next meeting

XI. Events

- a. Report on Lake Lefferts Kayak Cleanup – (Saturday, September 18th – 9:00am-11:00am)
 - Good turnout, approx 20-30 people, 15-20 bags of trash, many people worked the outskirts of the lake
 - Bench and waterlogged cushion were pulled out
 - Found a wallet! And then found the owner!
- b. Report on Matawan Day – (Saturday, October 2nd – 12:00pm-5:00pm)
 - Environmental Commission/Shade Tree shared a table
 - Lots of people, attention and conversation
 - Expressing of interest in meetings and membership
 - Report on “Take a Plant, Leaf a Plant” concept, rolled out on Matawan Day:
 - o About 6 to 8 people brought plants to the swap, it turned out to be more of a plant give-away, but it was a good concept for a possible stand-alone event
 - o Had about 5 dozen house plants available for the swap that were donated by Commission members

XII. Open Floor

- o Commission needs a logo, idea presented to create a community event/challenge “logo design competition” with the design students at Matawan schools
 - If many submissions are received, then the top 4 designs chosen by the commission will go to a poll on the Commission’s Facebook page and let the community pick

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek. The next general meeting will be held at 7:00pm on November 9, 2021.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Sanzo