

Matawan Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2021

Meeting Held Virtually

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

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:05pm on December 14, 2021 by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek.

I. Meeting Attendance

a. Present

Commission Members

Daniel Wieczorek (chair)

Ginny Sanzo

Malini Guha

Meredith Comi

Anthony Washington

Adam Fernandez

John Lazar – Council Chair

Associate Members

Michele Devanny

Dan Carroll

b. Absent

Sharen LaPorta

Diane Doolittle

c. Guests

None

II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

a. Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2021 - Approved

III. NRI/Budget Status/Update

a. (Dan W.) Status of Fact Sheet on NRI for Mayor and Council:

- No progress to report at this meeting

IV. Energy Aggregation

- Malini convened with Deana Gunn to see where Matawan is in Energy Aggregation
- Energy aggregation will be addressed at a Council meeting early 2022 with a presentation from a professional
- Deana Gunn will send the Commission an invitation for when the date/time of this meeting is set, so that Commission members may attend

V. Storm Water Ordinance

a. Information/Updates

- Focus of the ordinance was mostly on engineering standards

VI. Single Use Plastics

a. Ordinance adoptions:

- Per John Lazar, the minimum ordinance was adopted by the Borough of Matawan

VII. Community Garden

a. (Ginny) Follow up with Jesse from Fulfill Food Bank to set up a possible presentation/conversation at an upcoming meeting

- Not able to connect – will try after the holidays

VIII. Membership and Attendance

- a. Update of current terms and expirations
 - 2021 term expirations:
 - o Sharen LaPorta
 - o Adam Fernandez
 - o Ginny Sanzo
 - 1. Associate Members:
 - i. Michele Devanny
 - ii. Diane Doolittle
 - iii. Dan Carroll
 - iv. VACANT
 - v. VACANT
- b. Proposed Commission Membership:
 - Adam Fernandez – Re-appoint and become Planning and Zoning liaison
 - Ginny Sanzo – Re-appoint
 - Diane Doolittle or Dan Carroll appoint to 3rd seat
 - o Associate Members:
 - 1. Michele Devanny
 - 2. Sharen LaPorta
 - 3. Diane Doolittle OR Dan Carroll
 - 4. STUDENT?
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IX. Green Team

- a. Information/updates:
 - No report at this meeting

X. Reports on Affiliate Organizations

- a. Matawan Town Council (John)
 - Charlie Ross taking over as Environmental Liaison
 - 6 bee houses came in and are in Shade Tree office – will be put out in the spring
- b. Planning Board (Sharen)
 - No Report
- c. Additional Reports from Meetings/Newsletters:
 - Aberdeen Environmental Advisory Board (no report)
 - Monmouth County Environmental Council
 - o Meredith presented at the last meeting
 - o Discussions about budgets etc.
 - ANJEC (no report)

XI. Logo

- a. (Dan W.) *Commission needs a logo, idea presented to create a community event/challenge “logo design competition” with the design students at Matawan schools art clubs*
 - o The teacher who runs the Art Club at the Middle School is on board and there will be submissions by students from both Matawan and Aberdeen

XII. Open Floor

- Follow up on Chicken Ordinance
 - Nothing to report
- NOAA Restoration Program – a program to help repair/remove dams and assist with putting in a fish ladder (state has mandates for certain spillway repairs)
- Henry Hudson Trail – be mindful of personal safety when using the trail
- Environmental Working Group (EWG) showed a report of higher levels of water pollutants (PFOA and PFOS) in Matawan – 3.83 parts per trillion above the national average – see links:
 - <https://www.ewg.org/>
 - <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos>

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm by Commission Chair Daniel Wiczorek. The next general meeting will be held at 7:00pm on January 11, 2022.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Sanzo