

Matawan Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:05pm on March 10, 2020 by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek.

I. Meeting Attendance

a. Present

Commission Members

Daniel Wieczorek (chair)

Ginny Sanzo

Meredith Comi

Malini Guha

Sharen LaPorta

Adam Fernandez

John Lazar – Council Chair

Associate Members

Diane Doolittle

b. Absent

Anthony Washington

Michele Devanny

c. Guests

Grace Musumeci (and associate), Aberdeen

II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting approved

III. 2019 Annual Report

Work in progress, working towards a solid draft for the April meeting

IV. Progress Reports on 2020 Priority Projects

a. Natural Resource Inventory progress updates

- The funding that was allotted was allocated to another group – working towards getting the funding for 2021

b. Sustainable Jersey progress updates (deadline for application May 17, 2020)

- Nothing to report at this time

c. Spring Clean up planning updates

- April 25th – 10-12 Lake Lefferts end at Terhune giving trees away
- Fun Patches available for attending girl scouts
- Meredith will be sending out details and volunteer info

V. Reports on Affiliate Organizations

a. Matawan Town Council (John)

- Suggestion from Historic Sites Commission to create a community garden at Freneau grave on Poet Drive, as it's Borough property

b. Planning Board (Sharen)

- The Marlboro annexation took place

VI. Special Events/Meetings - Upcoming and/or Attended

- a. Sustainable Jersey Webinars
 - Census 2020 and the importance of doing it
- b. 2020 New Jersey Sustainability Summit – Registration is open!
 - Summit is June 12, 2020 at Bell Works in Holmdel from 8:00am to 4:15pm

VII. Open Floor

- Grace Musumeci from Aberdeen, retired from EPA last year and is interested in climate change; discussed a climate mobilization group to gather towns, counties, states to sign an “emergency climate declaration” to speed up and intensify the focus on climate change for the future – “Climate Emergency Campaign” – information attached in subsequent pages
- Follow up updates of Commission and Associate Members and information on borough website completed on February 11, 2020
- Borough Administrator leaving and an interim will be in place as the town searches for a replacement
- The Commission Appointed Dan Carroll to serve as Associate member

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on April 14, 2020, at the Matawan Municipal Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Sanzo