

Date: December 7, 2023

Start Time: 7:03 pm

This meeting is held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, NJSA 10:4-1 et seq. Annual notice having been forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements.

Roll Call

Voting members:

- Mario Caballero, Chair
- Geoff Varty, Vice Chair
- Sandra Millward
- Doug Pecota
- Robert Parkanyi
- Amelia Reitman, Alternate #1
- Dan Aguanno, Alternate #2

Non-voting members:

- Amy Switlyk, Council Liaison
- Chris Sotiro, Watershed Ambassador

Absent

- Danielle Kearsley
- Sandra Butcher (Planning Board Liaison)

Open to Public: No public attendees

Approve minutes

- October Meeting (Eligible members Mario Caballero, Geoff Varty, Sandra Millward, Doug Pecota) - Motion from GV, seconded by DP. Unanimously approved.
- November Meeting (Eligible members Mario Caballero, Geoff Varty, Doug Pecota, Robert Parkanyi, Sandra Millward, Danielle Kearsley, Ameilia Reitman, Dan Aguanno) - Motion from DP, seconded by DA. Unanimously approved.

Correspondence

- ANJEC 2024 Membership Invoice - to be renewed in 2024.

Reports

- **Council**
 - Budgets for ordinances to be determined.
- **Planning Board**
 - Liaison absent.
- **Open Space**
 - No meeting last month.
 - 92 Acres SW of Cramers Creek Funding applied for from County and Green Acres (planned), property assessment (~1.5 million) seeking appraisal
- **Green Team**
 - Mario - NHHS Pollinator Garden/Meadow update 11/29.

- Project completed and photo op done.
 - Mario - Adopt-a-Station litter cleanup 11/4.
 - MC hosted. AS, GV attended.
 - Mario - Green Fair and EV Car Show.
 - Plan to incorporate local events into Community Day.
 - Move to spring (cooler weather)
 - Participate in a larger countywide event
 - Charging station (no change).
- **Site Plan Review Subcommittee**
 - To meet Dec 21st to review a site plan.
- **Watershed Ambassador**
 - Tree planting to be scheduled Melick's Bridge Section of the South Branch Reservation). Be conscious of other April/May weekend events. Count interested and may fund for erosion abatement
 - Possible litter cleanup discussed

Old business

- Mario - Community Solar support letter to Solstice.
 - Letter sent.
- Amy - Fountain Motel - 165-251 of the Clinton Code, a Soil Disturbance and Grading Plan & 165-76 – Stream Corridor Protection.
 - Plan for replanting 15 trees due Dec 15th in order to reduce fine. Trees to be planted in 2024.
- Amy - Bamboo Ordinance update.
 - Planned for 2024 budget.
- Mario - CTEC Letter to Mayor and Council RE Exxon property.
 - MC created letter that was reviewed by the EC. Letter sent to Mayor and Council.
- Doug - Exxon Dam removal letter update.
 - MC to put DP draft onto EC letterhead and circulate to EC for review.
- Robert - Styrofoam Recycling Program - <https://www.foamcycle.com/>
 - Pursue through county contacts. RP and SM to coordinate. Machine cost about \$80,000 plus training
- Danielle - Latest on E-Coli sampling along the Rockaway Creek (may be late to meeting due to work commitment).
 - E. Coli levels high in re-test (human fecal matter). Further testing needed to determine source.

New Business

- Mario - Annual Report.
 - EC members to review and add achievements to the report.
- Mario - Storage for EC and GT supplies.
 - Storage space acquired. Bunt park ½ shed
- Danielle - Round Valley Project/Reservoir update.

- Moved to next meeting.
- Mario - \$2k, \$10k, \$20k Sustainable Jersey Grant applications due February 9, 2024.
 - MC to send link to past approved projects.
- Mario - Windy Acres stream assessment - May 4, 2024.
 - Date can be moved if needed.
- Mario - Website updated.
 - New member names added.
- Mario - Budget left (\$250).
 - Send ideas to MC a.s.a.p.

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion from DP, seconded by RP. Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm.

Business for next meeting (Thursday, January 4):

- E. Coli update (DK).
- Round Valley Project/Reservoir update (DK).
- Sustainable Jersey Grant applications (All).