

*Clinton Township Environmental Commission (CTEC)*

Thursday, January 4, 2024 – 7:00 pm

Public Safety Building, 1370 State Route 31 N, Annandale, NJ 08801 (In-person); WebEx Meeting

Meeting Minutes

<u>Attendees:</u> Mario Caballero, Chair Doug Pecota Robert Parkanyi Danielle Kearsley Amelia Reitman, Alternate #1 Dan Aguanno, Alternate #2 Sandra Butcher (Planning Board Liaison) Amy Switlyk, Council Liaison	<u>Apologies</u> Geoff Varty, Vice Chair Sandra Millward Chris Sotiro, Watershed Ambassador
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Meeting commenced at 7:01 pm

**Open to Public: None**

**Approve minutes**

December Meeting (Eligible members Mario Caballero, Geoff Varty, Sandra Millward, Doug Pecota Robert, Amila, Chris) – Motion by DP, Seconded by RP No Objections

**Correspondence: None**

**Reports**

● **Council**

- Brian Mullay Sworn in as Mayor, Marc Strauss elected Council President
- Firemen being sworn in
- MC reappointed as Chair, SB as Planning Board Liaison, AR as Alternate #1  
Mario, Amila, Sandra Butcher
- All Council members have been reappointed liaison as they were previously
- Green team members were reappointed by resolution
- Next meeting Jan 10

● **Planning Board: No Report**

- **Open Space**
  - Proposal to purchase Windy Hill property- 50% of cost to be paid by the County
  - Alerton parcel, Payne Rd and E. Prospect properties also under consideration
  - A total of 34 Deer taken during the hunting period - DA to provide proposals to increase hunt
- **Green Team**
  - No meeting, future meetings to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month
- **Site Plan Review Subcommittee**
  - Block 3, Lots 16, 26, & 30 (New York Life) 12/21 waiting for peer review
- **Watershed Ambassador:**
  - No Report

#### **Old business**

- Amy - Bamboo Ordinance update – with attorney, need funding
- Doug - Exxon Dam removal letter update pending
- Robert - Styrofoam Recycling Program – No response to email to County
- Danielle - Latest on E-Coli sampling along the Rockaway Creek
  - NJ Water Supply Authority to work with Readington Township for remediation, interested in purchasing properties that are near headwaters
  - Round Valley reservoir was raised 1.5 ft need to be 25 ft.
  - Asking for maps Highlands ERI, NJ DEP
- Mario - Annual Report to be presented to Council end Jan early Feb
  - Rock salt testing with N Hunterdon Environmental club

#### **New Business**

- Mario - \$2k, \$10k, \$20k Sustainable Jersey Grant applications due February 9, 2024
  - Submit ideas for future discussion
  - Ideas proposed: Solar on buildings., erosion mitigation, Updating ERI, rock salt training, farm land
- Dan - mono-crop awareness/incentivize-USDA-MRCS, Meadow restoration
- Mario - BPU 25 k grant energy planning for 2050 goals 2/23 then implement 100% up ¼ Million to implement. Mario to email Bill Close
- Amy - Trees are being accepted for mulching-spread the word

**Open to Public:** None

Next Meeting February 1, 2024 7pm

**Motion to Adjourn: Proposed by DP, Seconded by Mario, No Objections**

Meeting ended at 8:00 pm