

Zoom attendees: Raymond Ayers, Ellen Benoit, Margo Biblin, Lori Ostrzysek, Monica Sobon, Sarah Hare

Minutes from the April 2021 meeting approved. Motion L.Ostrzysek, second E.Benoit, all in favor

DISCUSSION NOTES

Gas Dispensing/Conditional Usage—Service Station in POP Zone, Master Plan

- EC-GT to draft a letter to PB encouraging more discussion towards removing gasoline fueling from the list of conditional uses in the POP. Also address prohibiting underground tanks, aquifer/water protection. Next PB meeting, June 7, 7:30pm
- Is there anything in the Highlands Council documentation that would be useful?

Grants, Public Information Engagement, SJ Opportunity

- Amassing a database of Hope residents for emails, notifications, emergency texts continues. Please add yourself to the list:
<https://sites.google.com/site/hopenjenv/home/public-information-and-engagement>
- Everyone makes suggestions to Margo to develop a list of what items should be on the Hope Township Website. The SJ PIE Actions provide recommendations.
- Marijuana Data from PIE survey used in community town hall meeting
- Request approval to set up/develop a survey asking Hope residents what items should be in the Hope website
- Renewed interest in acquiring a digital board to inform non-internet residents

Grants, Technical Assistance for Energy Initiatives, SJ Opportunity

- Process is needed to receive oil, propane and electric bills real time for Energy Star Portfolio updates. Suggest township goes paperless
- Please gather info on Community Solar—1. The experiences of communities that have tried it. 2. Solar developers

Green Fair 2022, Saturday, April 30, 10am to 2pm

- Voted to hold a Green Fair in 2022, possibly April 30, second option=April 9. A facilities request form will be submitted to Hope school for the gym and parking lots
- The Ridge and Valley & Belvidere school calendars will be checked
- All GF drive thru activities of 2021 were approved for 2022

Rain Barrel and Neighborhood Plant Xchange Installations & Community Involvement

- Rain barrel to be installed with pix as soon as possible
- Debut of rain barrel and plant Xchange requires advertising on FB and instructional materials and ideally snacks

Sustainable Jersey Recertification deadline May 2022

- Check into Actions and follow our progress at:
<https://sites.google.com/site/hopenjenv/home/discussion>

By Laws

- A subcommittee with M.Biblin, E.Benoit and R.Ayers will use the Ordinance and samples to create the first draft

Addressing Trucks Idling overnight on 80 by Exit 12

- Schedule an appointment with the State Police for guidance; possible suggestion to extend the exit lane, eliminating some zebra lines

Latest Forestry Bills

- Forced forest management begins at 25 acres
- WC has issued a resolution against the latest state bills mandating forestry management, “logging”, required burns.
- The Highlands Coalition has a sample letter to oppose the forestry bills; EC-GT could recommend the letter to residents

Coordinate with Open Space Committee

- Check into adding an EC member onto the Open Space Committee
- Check with NJ Conservancy regarding the Open Space Inventory

Swayze Mill Park Report

- Setting up to plant 20 trees with protectors at SMP on Friday. Time TBD

Zoning Application for 3 Camp Hope Lane blk 4000 lot 1200

- Checking on status with zoning.
- Review Application and drawing for Nexrent on hopetownship.com
- Consider using NJMAP2.com to explore the site

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn—M.Biblin; second—L.Ostrzyzek at 9:22 PM