

Zoom attendees: Raymond Ayers, Ellen Benoit, Margo Biblin, Donna Marie, Lori Ostrzysek, Monica Sobon, Robin Keggan.

Minutes from the June 2021 meeting approved. Motion—M.Biblin, second—L.Ostrzysek, all in favor.

DISCUSSION NOTES

Conditional Use—Service Station in POP Zone, Master Plan

- Possible last recommendation to the Planning Board sub-committee to remove “warehouse” as a conditional use. *Draft will be sent to EC shortly for review prior to sending to PB.*

Township Picnic / EC-GT Participation Sunday, September 12, possibly 1-5

- Project Medicine is set with the Warren County Sheriffs Office
- Possible EC-GT table activities discussed; *need to decide which one(s) to set up for the picnic*
 - P.I.E. continued collection of resident emails for notification system.
 - “Bag Up NJ” bag give-away, refer to Clean Communities below
 - Dark Skies recommendations for residents and businesses <https://www.darksky.org/>,
 - Tree Buddies / Park Partners, importance of trees in water quality (stormwater management, climate management; following up on tree seedling give-away.
 - Climate Change, challenge everyone to lower their carbon footprint, beginning with calculating footprint: <https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/>
 - Rain barrel/rain garden put off till spring

EC By-Laws

- Subcommittee providing draft to *EC members for feedback; to be voted on at next meeting.*

NJ Forestry Bills / Resolution

- Sample of Washington Borough’s Resolution will be sent out for *feedback regarding editing for presentation to the Hope TC for approval.*

Open Space Inventory

- Continue to research Open Space in Hope. D.Marie has an Open Space Map to show at an in-person meeting or event. E.Benoit referred to an Open Space map from the 2007 ERI.

Sustainable Jersey Recertification deadline May 2022 (150 points for Bronze, 350 for Silver)

- **Identify actions/steps:** <https://www.sustainablejersey.com/actions/>
 - Assistance welcome: View Status: <https://sites.google.com/site/hopenjenv/home/discussion>

Meeting Day in 2022

- Consider moving the EC-GT meeting day from the 3rd Tuesday of the month to the 2nd; *voting at the next meeting.*

Clean Communities Funds

- EC will coordinate with business administrator and CC info with clerk to ensure availability for purchase of reusable bags as part of the Bag Up NJ campaign. R.Ayers and M.Biblin will recommend style, pricing of bag, *suggestions from everyone welcome.*

NJDEP Climate Change Planning Toolkit:

- NJ has established reference: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/> to assist municipalities to adjust their Master Plans as necessary to accommodate climate change mitigation

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn M.Biblin; second: R.Ayers; at 9:05 PM