

ZOOM ATTENDEES: Raymond Ayers, Ellen Benoit, Donna Marie, Lori Ostrzyzek, Terry Urfer, Monica Sobon

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes from the September 2021 meeting 1-E.Benoit, 2-L.Ostrzyzek; approved.

DISCUSSION NOTES — Unofficial

Zoom, Hybrid or In-Person for Meetings—EC-GT needs to determine method of meeting for 2022 official posting; R.Ayers will pursue options and report back at November meeting.

By-Laws: To be implemented once all signatures are personally gathered, and no later than January 2022 meeting.

Meeting Dates for 2022—are posted online: <https://sites.google.com/site/hopenjenv/home/meetings>

Bag Up Challenge—awaiting latest week email.

Clean Communities

- Identify how much money has been spent, left to spend for participating organizations, and equipment such as grabbers, gloves, trash bags, etc.
- Pick a date during the week and on the weekend. Terry will organize scouts, cones. Coordinate with Robin to ensure safety. Raymond and Monica will set the 55+ Club and overall clean up(s) specifics.

Untested Soil Importation into a Wetlands

- 549 Route 521, Campbell Property: DEP, David Ungaro on scene, Peak Environmental currently working under DEP guidelines.
- 525 wetlands disturbance. Soil Conservation and DEP have been on scene. Town can OPRA documents from the DEP for more data. Zoning officer may have information

Traffic Study: Please attend these 2 meetings

- **Hope Community Meeting, Wednesday, October 20, 7pm, Community Center**
- **County Commissioners' Meeting, Wednesday, October 27, 6pm, County Administration Building, 165 County Route 519**

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

- **Identify actions/steps:** <https://www.sustainablejersey.com/actions/>
 - View progress online: <https://tinyurl.com/u7bn6ak2>

Roaring Rock Park/Forest Management

- State encourages cutting down trees, e.g., farmland preservation to cut down trees to make way for tillable land. Seek process to preserve forest.
- Sign petition: <https://tinyurl.com/xnvwmskb>

Warehouse Issue

- Focus on the warehouse developer's need for a Waste Treatment Plant which would increase dumping into the Delaware; reach out to Dave Dech and CFSD (Citizens for Sustainable Development) for specifics on the treatment plant for Resolution to oppose treatment plant to protect water sources.
- All neighboring towns say the traffic should go through Hope.

New Eagle Scout Project: Dock at SMP (Swayze Mill Park) with handicap access. Seek to discuss project with Scout, regarding sustainability and safe materials. Note issue of no SMP access to non-resident contributors.

Heritage Oak at Risk: at Silver Lake, under litigation

Gardinier Grant, Brownfields and Community Solar: Energy Project for 10K, 20K, 30K, 40K, 50K. Since application is due 11/5, focus will be to find out more about success/failure of existing community solar projects and apply in 2022 to address the former town dump

No Idling: Put up sign on the Berry/Urfer barn by Hope Deli; and on the post at the handicap parking spot by the post office. Reach out to State Police about posting no idling signs on Rte 80. Other possible sites to consider: Community Center, Liquor Store, across the street from the Liquor store, by the Hope/Chamber sign, in SMP

Town Lighting Effort: Terry and Monica

- Contact JCP&L to replace Street Lights to LED's; Direct Install
- Change the lights in Trout Alley to LED; timer; sensitive to UACNJ Saturday nights; Check with Historic Commission for requirements

SMP: Bring up at next TC meeting

- The gazebo roof needs repair
- The path needs re-engineering to minimize run-off damage

Resident's Light Pollution Issue—Held over; might be linked to Dark Sky

Green Tips—Coming shortly

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn 1-D.Marie; 2- E.Benoit; at 8:29 PM