Hope Township Environmental Committee & Green Team Meeting Tuesday, February 8, 2022

- **ZOOM ATTENDEES:** Raymond Ayers, Ellen Benoit, Margo Biblin, Patty Maertens, Lori Ostrzyzek, Monica Sobon, Robin Keggan Secretary
- **MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes from the January 2022 meeting 1- M.Biblin, 2-P.Maertens; approved.

DISCUSSION NOTES

- **ZBOA Application #21-003 423 Hope LLC, Block1700, Lot 900 (US Gas):** Replacing two 10,000 gallon in-ground tanks with 15,000 gallon in-ground tanks; adding diesel.
 - 2nd EC-GT correspondence sent to the ZBOA Jan 4, 2022, the 1st requested an EIS
 - Application hearing scheduled for **ZBOA Meeting March 3**, 7:30pm at the Municipal Building

Incorporate Climate Change Resiliency into the Township Master Plan

https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/9daab51c2f5542969d50437522e012c4/page/OVERVIEW/

- Document any recent weather event results showing specific areas of concern in the Township
- Set up a google comment form, post link on Hope FB requesting residents' suggestions and examples of climate change in Hope

Idling/Parking

- Awaiting mayor's response to email regarding truck parking along Route 80 by exit 12; not only for idling but more for safety concerns
- Still pursuing the Sustainable Jersey Action by requesting a resolution at Township Committee Meeting

Speaker/Activities Series

 Test hot spot connectivity at the Community Center, and feasibility of presenting a movie via zoom or Webex; else series may have to be all in-person

Green Fair, Saturday, April 30, in the School Gym

- Health and safety concerns: spacing/limiting of tables; masks requested; check with vendors, have outdoor tent option; keep the doors open
- Start reaching out to potential presenters such as: beekeeper, native plants, WC Garden club, Antler Ridge, pet rescue

Public Information and Engagement

— M.Biblin provided an overview of the Nixle process. (see separate "Nixle info and HowTo.pdf")

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

- Continue to Identify and write up actions: https://www.sustainablejersey.com/actions/
- Actions still to be completed: Creative Assets Inventory, Green Challenges, Community Food Pantry, Anti-Idling, Site Review, Reusable Bag, Community Education and Outreach, Energy Tracking and Management

2022 EC-GT Budget— Corrected and ready to be submitted to the township committee.

Grants for Electric Vehicle Charging Station; Electrification Proposal

- Deadline for vehicle proposal is March 4, must determine if the decommissioned vehicle is diesel, and if so, fill out the proposal.
- Public Accessible EV Fast-Charging Station at the municipal building, attend one of the webinars: Wednesday, February 23 1:00 – 3:00 pm; Wednesday, February 23 7:00 – 9:00 pm; Thursday, February 24 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Deadline May 13.

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Clean Communities/Roadside Clean-up

 Check into feasibility of a town-wide clean up with no incentives; determine process to identify and facilitate groups for incentivized clean-ups

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn 1-M.Biblin; 2-E.Benoit; at 8:53 PM