

ZOOM ATTENDEES: Ellen Benoit, Margo Biblin, Lori Ostrzyzek, Monica Sobon

MINUTES: September 13 approved— M.Biblin, L.Ostrzyzek

DISCUSSION NOTES

Sustainable Jersey Certification: 170 points approved (150 required)

ACTIONS – Accept the 170 points for certification. Report to the Township Committee (TC)

Conditional Use / Master Plan / Climate Resiliency as mandated by State

- Master plan maps need to be updated and the whole plan needs to be electronic; agreed to work on one section at each meeting
- Possible sub-committee?

ACTIONS – Liaise with Terry Urfer and the Planning Board to ensure the Master Plan and other Township documents align with each other and address climate resiliency.
– Follow up with the TC again to complete the Resilience Base Worksheet
– Review the Introduction and Section I “Goals and Objectives” of the Master Plan at the next EC-GT meeting—One section at each meeting

Clean Communities

- Agreed on polo shirts, possibly teal; discussed challenges with camera installation proposed to detect/deter littering; **\$9,175.00** available for clean-up

ACTIONS:– Look into prices, sizes and quantity of shirts; Inform TC of intent to purchase shirts.
– Schedule a clean up for 55+ Club

National Wildlife Federation — Community Habitat Program:

- Name of program established as “Hope for Wildlife”

ACTIONS:– Continue working towards certification points and registered properties; advertise on Hope Going’s On
– Request everyone associated with EC-GT look into certifying their home property
<https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify> \$20

Speaker Series: Allamuchy setup

ACTIONS: – For Allamuchy’s wildlife habitat speaker in October; assist with virtual aspect, and publicize; <https://rutherfordhall.org/event/garden-for-wildlife-presentation/>

Truck Traffic Petition:

- Another 45 petition names are available, (247 names previously)

ACTIONS:– Bring the latest petitions to the Commissioners’ meeting, and make a statement.

Tree Assessment and Planting:

- Building a Geese barrier (iris’s from Claire,)

ACTIONS – At the TC meeting, raise the benefit of adding native plantings at Swayze Mill Park pond shore towards decreasing geese population
– Ask the County Extension for plant recommendations

Rain Garden—Rutgers Grant Opportunity:

ACTIONS: – Specify Municipal Building as an option for a green infrastructure site. Find out more about the Rutgers Impervious Cover Assessment locations: school, firehouse, Grace Church

525 Ag Application:

ACTIONS: – Compose short statement regarding wetlands, stormwater management, soil improvement, adherence to environmental concerns; ensure statement in line with Township Concerns

Salt Shed:

ACTIONS: – Statement to TC recommending that the township forego its own salt shed in lieu of using the county facility on Silver Lake Road

Matarazzo Solar Farm Application:

ACTIONS: – Provide EC with electronic versions of major site material items, return hard copy to municipal building for hardcopy reviews.

ADJOURNMENT: at 8:59 PM. Motioned by E.Benoit, M.Biblin.