

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES: Raymond Ayers, Ellen Benoit, Margo Biblin, Sarah Hare, Terry Urfer,
Monica Sobon

MINUTES: November 8 approved— M.Biblin, E.Benoit

DISCUSSION NOTES

Please keep Green Team Member Jackie Millheim in your prayers.

Township Committee Reported Items Follow Up

- ACTIONS** – Monitor Salt Shed, Eye Glass/Hearing Aid Receptacle; Geese control/shoreline buffer
- Schedule a walk at Swayze Mill Park to itemize capital improvement repairs for the township budget

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

- Work through the Master Plan to determine what changes should be made to address flooding, stormwater management, mitigating impervious cover, development and climate resiliency

ACTIONS – Review the Introduction on google drive:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VjaxvoVvjt6Zfok3UvqecTREZ_91QguG?usp=sharing

- Convert the next 3 sections of the Master Plan into word documents; set them up on google docs as collaborative files for review.
- Continue to 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 to complete the Resilience Base Worksheet
- Assess Township forest property potential

Clean Communities

- Continue to explore ways to promote the clean streets program. **\$9,175** available for activities

ACTIONS – Look into prices, sizes and quantity of short-sleeve and long-sleeve teal polo shirts

- Schedule a clean up for 55+ Club when weather permits on Kostenbader and Foundry, possibly in March
- Inventory grabbers and bags (R.Ayers)

National Wildlife Federation — Community Habitat Program “Hope for Wildlife”:

- Continue working towards certification points and registered properties

ACTIONS – Request everyone associated with EC-GT look into certifying their home property

[\\$20](https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify)

- Create a Facebook post to encourage residents to certify their properties.

Grants

- Find a grant for 2023

ACTIONS – Request that everyone research at least one grant suggestion for the next meeting

Look into EPA grant for water issues (dam on Union Brick, problems on Silver Lake)

Look into ANJEC grant to repair gazebo and signs at Swayze Mill Park

Rain Garden—Rutgers Grant Opportunity

ACTIONS – Follow up with the Rutgers reps to determine status of school site.

Speaker Series

- The Community Center requires adequate internet. In the interim, virtual presentations are being explored

ACTIONS – Speak to Patty Doehl and/or Mary Stone regarding a March Presentation (S.Hare)
– Speak with Sanico’s Jack Powell about a “Recycling 101 Session”. Ask also if Sanico picks up curbside recycling from non-Sanico clients

Agricultural Development Board Application

- EC-GT letter emailed to Board Secretary Teresa Kaminski

ACTIONS – Be present at Thursday, December 15 Meeting, 7:30pm to present letter/exhibits.

Matarazzo Solar Farm Application

- Applicant materials have been made available electronically

ACTIONS – Become familiar with the application material in time for the February Planning Board Meeting:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19q6DTuY-Sf3EFG90iuuyypMLtfaDK-TGI?usp=sharing>.

Annual Report for 2022

- EC-GT Annual Report for 2022 activities is to be presented to the Township Committee

ACTIONS – Complete report and submit to the TC January 11 Meeting.

EC-GT Reorganization

- Set up EC members for 2023

ACTIONS – Anyone wishing to be Chair or Vice-Chair must make known their intention prior to the January Meeting.
– Patty Maertens will move from the EC to the GT; a new EC member is needed.

New Items Noted

- How is the school recycling? Note that the school is pursuing Sustainable Jersey.
- Consider coordinating a contest for the students requesting they design no-littering ads
- Note that 2 farms are going into farmland preservation
- Only about 2-3 more White Planning Board Meetings where the warehouse applicant will be providing testimony. It will be opened to public testimony.

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