

**VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:** Claire Arcaro, Ellen Benoit, Margo Biblin, Sarah Hare, Robin Keggan, Lori Ostrzyzek, Phyllis Strohmeier, Monica Sobon

**MINUTES:** January 10 motioned E.Benoit, P.Strohmeier, approved yea 5, nay 0

## **DISCUSSION NOTES**

### **EC-GT Budget**

**ACTIONS** – Work up and include final prices for shirts, grabbers and vests

### **Clean Communities**

- Order 220 Neon Green t-shirts, keeping previous design, 2 color dark blue and yellow logo on back, 1 small logo dark blue on front; 50 medium, 100 large, 50 XL, 20 XXL  
20 polos printing only on front, 1 color, 12 med, 4 large, 4 XL, asking for neon green

**ACTIONS** – Put in request to printer, obtain proofs and order  
– Identify specific model and order 10 grabbers, 20 yellow safety vests  
– Schedule a street clean-up for the 55+ Club

### **Grants**

- Still waiting: the County History Partnership Program (CHPP) grant application requesting \$2,500 for a video camera.
- Received \$5,000 grant to work on handling warehouse development in zoning

**ACTIONS** – Check through ordinances regarding warehousing

### **Green Fair 2023**

- Exhibitors, Crafters, food trucks, request for 450 tree seedlings, clothing drive, raffles in play

**ACTIONS** – Check on insurance for the food trucks to be parked in front of the school gym  
– Follow up on where to place Alpacas and the merchandise.  
– Procure recycled bird house and bird feeder for green option raffle prize  
– Follow up on the third possible food truck as Chef's or Donuts

### **Swayze Mill Park Assessment**

- There is a need to identify and prioritize projects such as native plantings, removal of invasives, maintaining the gazebo, bird feeders, signs and ID finding sources

**ACTIONS** – Set up a date to assess with T.Urfer, P.Strohmeier, L.Ostrzyzek, E.Benoit, M.Sobon  
– Everyone walks SMP to ID and prioritize projects, such as the vandalized wildlife signs  
– Check into possibility of and funding for trail cams (littering and gazebo vandalism), or at least have an “This park under surveillance” sign

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

- Continue working towards certification points and registered properties; discuss having a display and sign up at the Green Fair

**ACTIONS** – Request everyone associated with EC-GT look into certifying their home property  
<https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify> \$20  
– Register SMP, Trout Alley, The Municipal Building, the School, Jenny Jump Park

### **Speaker Series**

- Patti Doell is discussing a July/August hybrid session on a Saturday at 11 am. The discussion will focus on natives, benefitting pollinators, sustainable practices with a garden tour, cut flowers and the benefits of gardening for people and planet. Restrict cars to 20, possibly shuttle from park-n-rid; have one camera to stream, another to capture for online video library

- ACTIONS** – Speak to Mary Stone regarding a May/June Presentation
- Speak with Sanico’s Jack Powell about a “Recycling 101 Session”.
  - Check with Beekeeper Jenny Shotwell

**Agricultural Development Board Application**

- County Meeting to address application on February 16

**ACTIONS** – Be present on Thursday, February 16, 7:30 pm 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 March Planning Board Meeting:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19q6DTuY-Sf3EFG90iuyypMLtfaDK-TGI?usp=sharing>.

**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](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

**Lead-free Fishing Project**

- Set up a program at SMP,

**ACTIONS** – Continue to research project and applicability to SMP, Fishing Derby May 27, signs at park

- Check with Trout Unlimited, the Pequest Fish Hatchery, Knot Just Flies.
- Look into applying for a grant

**Watershed Quality Monitoring**

- Consider setting up in the Beaver Brook watershed. Christine Dunbar from the Paulinskill Watershed Monitoring Program will speak at the March meeting

**ACTIONS** – Check out the Paulinskill site: <https://paulinskillwatershed.org/>

**Appreciation Dinner Items**

- Possibilities: dental floss in glass jar, Swedish dish cloths, reusable food wrap, mason jars

**ACTIONS** – Obtain links to actual products to compare at next meeting

- Determine tonnage monies available

**Welcome Wagon**

- Considering what “environmental” items to add, such as packets of native “seeds of Hope”

**EC-GT Meetings: Voted unanimously for 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month**

**ACTIONS** – Determine how soon this day change can take effect

**ADJOURNMENT:** at 9:09 PM. Motioned by E.Benoit, M.Biblin.