

**ATTENDEES:** EC: Ellen Benoit, Margo Biblin, Lori Ostrzyzek, Monica Sobon, Phyllis Strohmeyer.  
Meeting at 7:11 pm

**MINUTES:** May 17 minutes motioned M.Biblin, L.Ostrzyzek, approved yea 5, nay 0

## **DISCUSSION NOTES**

### **Green Fair: “Go Green with Hope” April 27, 2024**

— Reviewed locations and “Save the Date for activities including Craft Market and Townwide Yard Sale

- ACTIONS** – Submit a facilities request form to the school as soon as it is feasible [Lori] - DONE
- School subcommittee will connect with Board of Ed, Hope School teachers during the summer; consider other schools, student connections in the area [Sarah and Lori]
  - Submit facilities request form for the Community Center for the Craft Market

### **Clean Communities**

- ACTIONS** – Determine street and do a clean up for a Friday, June 23, at 11am clean up, raindate=July 7; Have grabbers, vests, gloves, plastic bags and form ready

### **Grants:** Always seeking grant leads from everyone

- WC CHPP -1 (County History Partnership Program), video camera has been purchased
- WC CHPP-2 awaiting outcome from grant proposals for computer and projector
- Highlands Council Warehouse Planning grant will be addressed by a Planning Board sub-committee open to EC members.
- The Rutgers Team of Hollie and Chris directed Drake’s Landscaping on 1 day to set the rain garden base at the school. Volunteers from the town, school and Green Teams planted. Discussed how the school can include the rain garden in science observations (i.e. rainfall measurement
- We have 2 benches to place somewhere in park and town. Discussed continuing to collect plastic, and possibly developing a program to collect large animal bedding bags [Lori]

- ACTIONS** – Margo and Monica will meet with Terry and Emily and begin using the new video camera
- Follow up with the Planning Board sub-committee seeking to remove “warehouse” as a conditional use, Phyllis.
  - Arrange a school and town ribbon cutting for the rain garden, possibly September 6 at 10 am
  - Create ID tags with pertinent information for the new rain garden plants
  - Determine 2 locations for Trex benches

### **Lead-Free Fishing Project**

- Continue to develop this initiative without ANJEC support for fishing tackle only, no ammo,
- ACTION** – Find out how to properly dispose of lead and set up collection bucket in a prominent public place [Lori]

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

- Work continues towards certification points and registered properties.
- ACTIONS** – Request everyone associated with EC-GT look into certifying their home property <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify> \$20
- Bring the NWF-CHP initiative to the Township picnic
  - Certify the School, SMP, Trout Alley, The Municipal Building

### Swayze Mill Park

- As the date for a brush burning for the Gazebo garden is unknown, seed planning may be more appropriate in the fall. We received a bag of seeds from Peggy Schaedel and Lori has seeds.

- ACTIONS** – Set up a schedule (Phyllis) for the Gazebo garden which will be shared with the township committee: weed pulling, scratch soil, add seeds in the Fall
- Check into possibility of and funding for trail cams (littering and gazebo vandalism), or at least have a “This park under surveillance” sign

### Agricultural Development Board Application

- 525 slaughter application continuing into July

- ACTIONS** – Be present at next meeting TBD to question and to present letter/exhibits.

### Conditional Use / Master Plan / Climate Change

- Folder is set, “Introduction” the first section available  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VjaxvoVvjt6Zfok3UvqecTREZ\\_91QguG?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VjaxvoVvjt6Zfok3UvqecTREZ_91QguG?usp=sharing)  
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- Next Master Plan update due 2026

- ACTIONS** – Continue to create a word file for the whole Master Plan
- Set a date and time with Terry Urfer to visit the township property off of Dogwood
  - Review Climate Risk Assessment for Hope from NJ’s climate resiliency website

### ANJEC Great Waters Resolution

- Agreement to present a Great Waters Resolution to the Township Committee for Approval

- ACTION** – Attend the July 12 Township Committee meeting to present resolution a second time

### Warehouses/Truck Traffic

- ACTIONS** – Attend Rally and White Planning Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 11.
- Bring up the importance of removing “warehouse” as a conditional use in the Hope Ordinances

### Rain Barrel for the Community Center

- ACTION** – Check local and online possibilities for a model aesthetically appropriate for the Community Center, possibly encased in wood.

### Hope Day 2023 Picnic, Saturday, September 9, 1-5pm

- Discussing options for EC-GT Table Activity: Upcycling, “Slice of Pie”, Speaker Series, Rain Garden, Book Give-away

- ACTIONS** – Ask local crafters to display upcycled items, start with the Green Fair Craft Marketers, as well as check what items we all may have for display.
- Set up a Slice of PIE Binder [Margo]

**ADJOURNMENT:** at 8:39 PM. Motioned by P.Strohmeyer, M.Biblin; approved yea 5, nay 0