

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

January 20, 2021

Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairperson Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 7:02 P.M. via Zoom Meeting

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The Roll was called by Secretary Robin Tillou

ROLL CALL:

Present; Ashburner, Felong, Hartley, Murray, Ticktin, Tulloss, Silverman

Absent: None

ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING STATEMENT:

To show that proper notice of this meeting has been given, Chairperson Michael Ticktin stated that the minutes indicate: "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, by notices published in the Times of Trenton and in the Asbury Park Press on January 24, 2020 and posted on the bulletin boards in the Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office."

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: Chairperson Ticktin opened the meeting to the public for the agenda. Seeing no public comment the public portion for the agenda was closed.

SWEARING IN OF REAPPOINTED MEMEBERS: Chairperson Ticktin swore in the reappointed members Sam Ashburner, three years, term ending 12/31/2023 and Ellen Silverman, three years, term ending 12/31/2023.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion was made by Mr. Murray to approve the agenda and second was made by Ms. Felong. This passed by unanimous vote.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY: A motion was made by Ms. Tulloss and second by Ms. Felong that Nick Murray continue as Vice-Chairperson. This passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Felong and second by Mr. Ashburner for Robin Tillou as Secretary to the Environmental Commission. This passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021 AND JANUARY 2022:

February 17, 2021; March 17, 2021; April 21, 2021; May 19, 2021; June 16, 2021; July 21, 2021; August 18, 2021; *September 22, 2021; October 20, 2021; November 17, 2021; December 15, 2021; January 19, 2022.

Chairperson Ticktin read the above dates into record. A motion was made by Ms. Felong and second by Mr. Ashburner to approve the meeting schedule for 2021 and January 2022. This passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairperson Ticktin advised the December 16, 2020 minutes will be tabled to the next meeting.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIASON: Mr. Hartley reported the Planning Board held the reorganization meeting for reappointments and appointments at the January 5, 2021 Planning Board meeting.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIASON: Chairperson Ticktin reported the Council discussed financials for the Borough at the January 4, 2021 Borough Council meeting. .

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Forest Management – Mr., Murray reported that the Environmental Commission has to submit an annual accomplishment form for the community forest management plan.

Ms. Silverman will email Mr. Murray the figures for the time spent removing trees for the trails. \$3900 is the estimated cost to do trail improvements. Ron Philip fund has \$1200 and if we use all that money there will be additional funds needed.

The Commission discussed the Environmental Commission budget for 2022.

The Commission discussed the details of the anticipated trail improvements.

A motion was made by Mr. Murray to increase the Environmental Commission operational budget by \$4,000 and second by Ms. Silverman. This passed by unanimous vote.

Invasive Plant Species – Mr. Taylor reported he has repaired the azalea enclosure due to fallen branch damage. There are about 40 barberry plants growing behind the borough hall at the firehouse. That should be removed by bringing volunteers in when the weather improves.

Stream Monitoring – Ms. Tullos reported when the watershed institute starts the in person training we will have members gather samples and analyze them.

Sustainable Jersey – Ms. Felong will no longer lead the Sustainable Jersey, Ms. Silverman will now take over the lead from this point forward.

Ms. Felong reported the Sustainable Jersey application was ten points short and one priority action short because the prescription drug disposal did not apply due to not having done it in the past 2 years. Chairperson Ticktin had the Borough Council adopt a sustainable land use pledge, which is a priority action, so the application is under review at this time. If it is approved we are good for 2 years, if it is not we can file an extension by June 6, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Mr. Hartley to pass a resolution to show support of President Biden's rejoining of the Paris Climate Agreement and second by Ms. Tulloss. This passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairperson Ticktin opened the meeting to the public at 7:45 PM. Seeing no public comment Chairperson Ticktin closed the public forum at 7:46 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Murray to adjourn and second by Ms. Silverman, this meeting was ended unanimously at 7:52 P.M.

Robin Tillou, Secretary