

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

June 15, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairperson Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/3251865085?pwd=L1RWNIhPYTZZdUZ5R3piT0NZWHhuUT09>
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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 the Asbury Park Press on February 11, 2022 and posted on the bulletin boards in the Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office.”

The Roll was called by Chairperson Michael Ticktin

ROLL CALL:

Present: Sam Ashburner, Kim Felong (arrived at 7:04pm), Mike Hamilton, Tim Hartley, Mike Ticktin, Mary Tulloss, Ellen Silverman, David Teich

Absent: Nick Murray

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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion was made by Mary Tulloss to approve the agenda and second was made by Ellen Silverman. This passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 18, 2021 – Mary Tulloss made a motion to approve the August 18, 2021, minutes with a second from Mike Hamilton. The Minutes passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 18, 2022 – Mary Tulloss made a motion to approve the May 18, 2022, minutes with a second from Sam Ashburner. The Minutes passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Tim Hartley reports that the Planning Board is reviewing the Roosevelt Housing Plan element, and the Fair Share Plan. Andy Thomas prepared a lengthy document, very detailed and is available to anyone who would like to see it. We are obligated to update the housing plan element and the fair share housing piece of it Roosevelt doesn't have any obligation. At the public portion, Beth Battel, former Mayor asked some

questions related to the potential sale of her farm and the interested buyer was also at the meeting. The person considering buying the farm wants keep it as an active horse farm.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON: Mike Hamilton reports we are working on the municipal budget, its late in the year so we are under the gun. Things look very good, both the utility and current fund are in good shape. We do not anticipate raising taxes. Due to good management practices from both operators of our utilities we have been able to build up a surplus. Also asking all the commissions and the committee chairs to forward to the finance committee anything you may want to see put in the municipal budget. The council is considering to opt into a state license for cultivation of cannabis. Mary Tulloss wonders if the Watershed Institute has any literature or guideline now that cannabis cultivation is legal in New Jersey. Mike Hamilton speaks of the farmers that are interested and how many grow houses may be erected. Tim Hartley asks if the Council has any thoughts of having a joint meeting with Environmental Commission members. Mike Hamilton did suggest a bigger group get together to discuss. Mike Hamilton states we have more questions than answers. Ellen Silverman asks Mike Hamilton to tell everyone about the 4th. Of July picnic. Mike Hamilton states he has not been in the loop. Ellen Silverman states that the website has a flyer that the picnic will be from 12 noon to 4:00pm and Mayor Peggy Malkin will be cutting the ribbon at 1:00pm for the compost display area. Maria Dellasala reads the flyer from the website. Mary Tulloss states there is no mention of a parade.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative: None

Forest Management: Kim Felong has two things to report, Hilary Wilder took a webinar on Community Forestry Program, which we received 1 credit for, so we are up to 4 credits and we need 4 more. Unfortunately, Councilman Atwood he was unable to do the Core training, something happened, they never received his check that he mailed in. So he will take it the next time it is offered.

NJUCF/TRAILS - Ellen Silverman we have set aside days for trail maintenance. It has not been well attended. Dave Teich has stepped up in getting the word out through Constant Contact, hopefully there is now a better way to get volunteerism. In the Trail Maintenance Plan; we have a quarterly walk where we assess the trails. Ellen and Sam will get together to walk the trail and assess.

Invasive Plant Species: None

Ellen Silverman states how much she enjoyed the nature walk that Steve gave on trail days. Again not well attended, but it was a lovely walk. Mary may talk about a mushroom walk, that is dependent on rain. Mary Tulloss states you wanted to have Rod give a date so it could be advertised on the 4th. of July.

Stream Monitoring: Mary Tulloss reports this weekend is the 3rd., weekend, so it's stream monitoring. Planning on going out on Friday. It's time for quality assurance training, so Corkey and Jane will be going over to the Watershed for training. Ellen Silverman asks if Mary has received any feedback from samples you took? Mary states no she has not received any guidance. Ellen states that Hilary Wilder is working on the Roosevelt Water Story and that

would be good information for her. Tim Hartley asks if there is any information on the water gauges? Mary asks do they exist? Tim has the gauges we just have to get them installed. Sam will reach out to Tim and set up a date. They will be installed 1 each at the Empty Box Brook Crossing of Valley Road, at Rochdale, at Tamara and at the sewer plant.

Sustainable Jersey: Ellen Silverman reports the grant officially ends at the end of July and is working on the reporting. We have only spent \$259.60 out of the \$2,000 grant, what we don't spend goes back to Sustainable Jersey. We need to re-allocate money to enable us to spend the money. Tim asks can we spend any of the money on the Stomwater mapping? Ellen states we can say in our modification that we would like to do this and they can say ok or no. If they say ok, we would need to spend it by the end of July. We can put in a modification for some signage based on what the grant says it covers. Mary asks about the budget that was submitted, Ellen states she did but one item submitted was that we would develop a calendar and have it printed and set out, (that was \$600). It turns out it was very difficult to develop the calendar. Also the last time we got wood I over estimated how much we need to make the signage and kiosk. One thing that hasn't been spent is \$100 for stream watch monitoring, if you can come up with something you need. Mary states we get our supplies from the Watershed. Mary asks if we can get some supplies to help clean out the storm drains? Kim states Ellen mentioned that there are gloves equipped with garden claws unfortunately they are not available. So we thought about purchasing 25 pairs of putt resistant gloves just to make it easier for people to get their hands in there and not get caught on something. Ellen states you go to Ana and say I want to spend this amount on the grant for this and you can also ask her to purchase some through the Environmental Commission budget.

Motion was made by Kim Felong to appropriate \$100 toward the purchase of 25 pairs of cut resistant gloves at \$4 a pair and that will be incentive towards the Stormwater Management Adopt a Drain cleanup, (one order of 25 pair from the grant and one order of 25 pair from the EC budget) and a second was made by Sam Ashburner. This passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion takes place about the stream clean up, some of the difficulties of cleaning the stream and supplies that may be needed to clean up the stream.

Community Involvement: Dave Teich speaks about constant contact; we have an account and it's been set up. It's a way of sending out mass emails, Ellen's email address as the return address, and that can be changed at any time. We've also spoken about a g-mail account just so we can run announcements. Mike Ticktin states that the emails should be coordinated through Ana. Dave Teich will speak with Ana. Ellen states if it's about the trail, providing it's weather specific – do I need to send to Ana, even if it's a Saturday. Mike Ticktin states just speak with Ana and let her state on how to move forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

EC table and activities for July 4 – Discussion takes place about the table for the 4th. of July picnic. Mary's states we usually have a sign in with time slots. We like to have 2 people at the table. Mike Ticktin asks for volunteers, Ellen will volunteer for the table but will also like to run the compost pallet bin workshop. Cannot do both at the same time. Also we should have an Environmental Commission member at the ribbon cutting ceremony, Mike Ticktin says he will be there from 1:00pm through 3:00pm. The table should be where we normally have it and just let people know about the ribbon cutting and the compost workshop. Kim Felong states she may

be out of town but will know by the end of the week, if she is in town she will be there. Ellen states she is still in need of 6 pallets, Kim will ask Bill. Mary also states she may not be in town. Mary will let all know how to run the games, she will be picking them up a couple days before the 4th. of July. She will connect with Ellen and Mike. Mary states with the games we usually have some prizes. Maybe pencils, stickers or temporary tattoos. Nothing made out of plastic. Kim will check with Oriental Trading to see what we may be able to purchase.

Motion was made by Kim Felong to spend up to \$100 toward the purchase of prizes and a second was made by Michael Hamilton. This passed by unanimous vote.

Ellen Silverman asks if an email has been sent out about the adopt a storm drain? Kim responds she doesn't think so.

Mary Tulloss discusses the 3 baby raccoons and states that a State Trooper picked them up. Maria Dellasala asks if these are the raccoons on Lake Drive because last Thursday night a call was received a call from the owner of the property. Ana was still in the office and placed a call to Animal Control to go out to the property and pick up the raccoons.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairperson Ticktin opened the meeting to the public. No Public Comment. Chairperson Ticktin closed the public forum.

ADJOURNMENT: Tim Hartley motioned to adjourn Kim Felong offered a second. It was unanimously passed to adjourn at 8:26 P.M.

Maria Dellasala, Secretary