

Town of Clinton Environmental Commission

Meeting

July 12, 2021, 7:30 pm

Agenda

7:36 PM – Meeting called to order

General

1. Roll Call – Véronique Lambert, John Kashwick, Rebecca Walter, Dean Solomos, Mike Humphrey (arrived at 7:42 pm)
2. Review minutes from June 14, 2021 meeting – motion to approve; 4 ayes (Mike absent)

Old Business

1. Sustainable Jersey application – we have 30 points, Veronique will meet with Mike, John, and Rebecca to go over application. We will need another resolution from council establishing the green team.
2. Rain Garden Projects – EC has to pick a site to develop and present it to building and grounds for approval. Could also work with Liz Hedden's green team at CPS. Consider site at bottom of walkers' path – not town-controlled land but BOE and/or DOT land. Véronique will talk to Liz re green team for Sustainable Jersey for Schools and rain garden project.

New Business

1. Ordinance for Covered Trash & Recycling Bins – there has been about 30% increase in trash tonnage due to more trash being put out and to increased recycling going to trash. A lot of windblown trash from unsecured trash containers put out at collection. Ideas – ordinance for lidded containers for trash. Consider penalties – e.g. trash will not be collected if not in correct container. Type of container that is acceptable should be well defined. Look to Lambertville as an example. Next opportunity to present draft ordinance to Council is at their late August meeting to give idea of timeline. Then town attorney would modify. EC needs to determine what we want in the ordinance then take that to the attorney. Research existing trash ordinances on E-Code for ideas. For the next meeting, EC should decide what we want for the trash ordinance. Lambertville has municipal composting – 3rd can.
2. Update from Town Council – Michael Humphrey – Council is meeting on Wednesday to decide if town is opting in to cannabis now or waiting until state comes up with rules. Sept 12th, 11 to 2:30 pm, there will be a brunch and fair to build community for active seniors. Seniors committee run by Mike and Ross. All committees, commissions and boards to have

presence. Council voted to prevent the farmland near sewage treatment plant from being developed as small distribution center/warehouse.

3. Update from Land Use Board –
4. Update from Shade Tree Commission – John Kashwick – proposal for take downs and plantings – portion of plan was approved.

9:18 pm – motion to adjourn – all ayes