# MINUTES OF TOWN OF CLINTON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING DATE; December 17, 2018 at 7:30 PM at Clinton Town Hall

#### **GENERAL**

- 1. Attendance /roll call: Christine Adornetto, Veronique Lambert, John Madden, Deena Roberts and Council Member Beth Sosidka present.
- 2. Adoption of November 10, 2018 minutes.
- 3. This is Beth Sosidka's last meeting. Council will assign a new representative.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Review of Commission 2018 budget and expenditures. – Last year's budget was \$350. Amount represented membership fee for ANJEC.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Suggested 2019 Budget Requests.
  - Usually the budget is requested in October. Due to change over in positions, we will ask in January for \$500 (\$350 for the ANJEC membership and additional amounts to potentially update the ERI). A user-friendly GIS property map showing critical environmental features overlain on tax maps would be beneficial to commissions and public. Beth Sosidka recommended attending the second town council meeting in January to present budget (January 22, 2019).
- 2. Review of current Master Plan Conservation Plan Element and a discussion of what additional environmental inventory data or maps may be needed and whether or not information is available from public sources and at what cost. Deena Roberts will research maps available from NJDEP.
  - John Madden would like to create a "link to" or "layer over" map to the Highlands Inventory map. (Veronique Lambert to see if there is funding to do such map). Also, ANJEC may be able to get it done for less. At minimum, they will give us a contact. We would like information to be accessible to public. Maps could be placed in schools, online, or library. Public should be made aware of all critical environmental features.
  - Commission also interested to know if map of effects of climate change on Clinton is available from public sources such as FEMA map.
  - Commission spoke of contaminated areas. Only one area is currently designated. Question arose as to criteria to designate as contaminated. Beth Sosidka stated that Walter Wilson said he purchased and tested property next to Krauser's and it was not contaminated. Commission would like to find criteria used. Commission noted that service stations and dry cleaners were certain properties of interest.
- 3. Review of Master Plan Re-examination Report and Master Plan update 2019 program.
  - Regarding Environmental Checklist, John Madden notes that many small towns are encouraging solar and electric car hookups. Potential locations for electric car hookups include: library, community center, municipal building. John Madden recommended adding these items to checklist.
  - John Madden noted architectural and environmental requirements are important to provide specific definitions and examples to be enforceables.

## 4. Other Items

- Commission would like to know if Ken Carberry, Land Use Board Liaison, would like to continue with the environmental commission as a member. John Madden to speak with Mayor about that and council liaison.
- Veronique Lambert will contact K. Olsen to obtain last year's budget to determine current year budget. Commission plans to attend January 22, 2019 Town Council meeting.
- Next Environmental Commission Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 15, 2019. John Madden will contact Ceil Corvino.
- Beth Sosidka will ask Business Administrator Phelan to research potential of promoting public or private business electric charging stations.