

Town of Clinton Environmental Commission

Meeting

October 11, 2021, 7:30 pm

Minutes

Meeting called to order: 7:35 PM

General

1. Roll Call – Véronique Lambert (Chair), Mike Humphrey (Council liaison), John Kashwick (Shade Tree liaison) Rebecca Walters
2. Motion to approve minutes from September 13, 2021 meeting – 3 in favor; John abstained; minutes approved

Old Business

1. Garbage Ordinance – reviewed text and made edits to clarify meaning and intention.
Editorial notes:
 - Should include Recycling (can address this by changing garbage to waste)
 - Some trash cans are 55 gallons
 - Replace garbage with waste
 - Replace can with receptacle
 - Replace tight-fitting lids with secure, full coverage lids
 - Can we add that it is the property owner's responsibility to pick up any waste outside the receptacle after the collection?
 - Can Tara write an exclusion for bulky and hazardous items?
 - Cardboard too large to fit into receptacle should be broken down\flattened and secured
 - Start this program January 1, 2023 to give long period (12-13 months) for education
2. Sustainable Jersey application – due Sunday, November 21

New Business

1. Update from Town Council – Michael Humphrey. Just Chill is violating garbage regulations for business – spoons that are stuck in the ground, and other plastic items (ghosts) that are flying around and harming the environment. Recommends that EC get evidence and file complaint with Allison/zoning officer which will trigger visit to check out conditions. Council tabled indefinitely a warehouse restriction ordinance. Unable to move forward with it. Passed ordinance to give Historic Commission ability to review all demolition requests. Report of disruptive behavior from youth in town – kicking doors, hanging out on roof of Bear Paw leather. For Christmas Parade, consider having people collect trash from crowd

2. Update from Land Use Board –
3. Update from Shade Tree Commission – John Kashwick. Some tree take downs have been completed. Building and Grounds committee met with Shade Tree to be part of an assessment process to assess Ash trees on park land in addition to street trees (e.g. near Haver Farm and Water Street) to make sure that infested trees are not hazards. Will be planting 4 street trees – a pear to replace dead dogwood on Halstead St, two maples and a plum. There has been no budget for the past few years for tree plantings and there has been a net loss of trees. Town is looking into developing separate 5013c entity to raise money.

Meeting Adjourned 10:02 PM – all voted aye