

Town of Clinton Environmental Commission

Meeting (on Zoom)

March 14, 2022, 7:30 pm

Minutes

General

1. Call to Order: 7:33 PM
2. Roll Call – Véronique Lambert, Chair; Mike Humphrey, Council Liaison; John Kashwick, Shade Tree Liaison; Dean Solomos, Rebecca Walters
3. Review / approve minutes from meeting on February 14, 2022 – all ayes to approve
4. Clinton Township EC Chair, Alex Ambrose, joined meeting to discuss collaboration. Interested in collaborating on events with Clinton Town and High Bridge; Alex will send link to resources re plastic ban from NJ Clean Communities and ANJEC; got donation of reusable bags from Shoprite for community day; all ANJEC trainings are available as videos on ANJEC's YouTube page. Mario is vice-Chair of EC and head of green team. Mario is planning events, including education walks (Windy Acres near Exon) and stream testing with RHA, with green team and they are planning to go for bronze Sustainable Jersey certification. Mike suggests someone from Clinton EC attending the next Clinton Twp Green Team meeting. ANJEC site review resource: <https://anjec.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/SitePlanReview-2021.pdf>

Old Business

1. Ansuya (Marriott) updated plan – accept engineer's report that storm basin was improved
2. Garbage Receptacle Ordinance – Mike will ask Tara to make edits about removing size specifications then send it to council
3. Review ideas for educational messaging for town's March mailer on recycling and other services – Mike already added content to front cover of mailer re garbage receptacles and lids

New Business

1. NJ Clean Communities campaign re plastic ban – Véronique will send info re campaign to EC members to consider how to educate residents and merchants about new law.
2. ANJEC grant (up to \$1,500) for Open Space Stewardship Projects – May 2 deadline - funds can be used for rehabilitation or expansion of existing garden on municipal property. Funds can be used for any project in the town that has an environmental benefit.
3. Update from Town Council – Michael Humphrey – River clean up on April 23rd at 9 am – meet at Red Mill.
4. Update from Land Use Board – Jonas DeVita (absent)

5. Update from Shade Tree Commission – John Kashwick – Arbor Day tree planting on April 29th to honor John and Kathleen Madden.

Motion to adjourn at 9:03 PM - all voted aye, in favor.