

**TOWNSHIP OF MEDFORD
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(EAAC)
MEETING MINUTES**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020 – ONLINE

I. Roll Call 7:00 PM

In attendance: Bo Petrillo, Deb Evans, Paul Ciela, Chip Germain, Pam Sloves, Eric Peterson, Pola Galie, Beth Portocalis

Green Team: Ileen Wright

Guest: June Ramondetta

II. Review/approve minutes of September 2020 Meeting

- The minutes were not readily available and D. Evans moved to table approval until November. I. Wright second, all in favor and the minutes of both September and October will be reviewed and voted on in November.

III. Public Comments (limited to 5 minutes per person)

J. Ramondetta discussed the tree ordinance and how it will effect the homeowners she represents.

IV. Old Business

- Tree Ordinance Education – next steps
There was discussion about how the ordinance will proceed. The articles in the Pine Barrens Tribune were discussed. Education on the ordinance and its interpretation will start soon with Home Owner Associations (HOA). Some HOAs may have more stringent requirements. It is important the people understand the ordinance as well as the wetlands, buffers and other Pinelands Commission Requirements.

It was also discussed that we should be working with the County Board of Realtors, Chamber of Commerce as well as providing additional education to members of the general public.

- ROSI – Complete Review and Recommendation
The second meeting will take place in November.
- Medford Crossing Mountain Bike and Hiking Park
Nothing to report.

- Open Space & Recreation Plan Public Meetings
- NJ Future – Technical Assistance for FEMA Community Rating System/Flood Resiliency & Mitigation
Nothing to report
- Plastic Bag Ban – Progress/Discussion
The governor has not signed the legislation into law yet but it is expected that he will. It will take effect in 18 months after it is signed.
- Weather Alert System – Sustainable Jersey/ACE Grant
P. Galie explained that Lt. Robert Dovi, B. Portocalis and she met to discuss implementation of the project and how to raise the last amount that will be required to get this project installed. There may be some potential to attain some additional coverage.
- Girl Scout Project (cigarette butts)
The young woman has not responded to emails at this time but it is expected that she will soon.
- Volunteer project status -
No action has taken place.

V. New Business

- Annual Report
P. Galie will submit the 2020 Annual Report at the first council meeting in November. It will be an opportunity to both report to the council members as well as to seek additional direction for 2021. All committee members are invited to attend.

- I. Wright reported that she would like to bring the TREX to Bench project back up and start in the New Year. She is looking for someone to take the lead on this project since she has already been involved in projects in the past. All felt that this is an excellent project and look forward to making it a success.

- P. Galie thanked all of the current members of the committee for all the work that they have done this year. B. Portocalis also thanked the members of the Committee for all that has been accomplished this year in spite of the limitations that everyone has faced.

- P. Galie & I. Wright discussed attending the ANJEC conference. It was extremely helpful and educational. There are so many ideas that we can discuss in the future to see how any of them may fit into the work Medford's sustainability plans for the future.

- C. German reported that 24 to 26 of the 40 trees planted at Cow Pointe last year are surviving. B. Portocalis and R. Parks, Medford Neighborhood Services coordinated the clean up. Volunteers weeded, mulched and removed bagworms. He feels that we should go back from time to time to revisit them.

VI. Zoning Considerations - None

VII. Next Meeting - Tuesday, November 24, 2020

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned and it was discussed that the next meeting will still be online via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Pola Galie