

Hillsdale Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes December 16, 2019

Members in attendance: M. Kates, S. Raymond, F. Rubel, A. Tate, S. Goodman, S. Beckman

I. Commission Business

- a. Call to Order (7:07 pm) and approval of minutes from October 21, 2019
- b. Correspondence and email
 1. ANJEC renewal – money available to pay in advance pending approval from the BA
 2. Resident complaint (Lori Charkey) to Mayor and EC (copied) regarding leaf blowing permissible hours (starts at 8 am) – main issue is with noise
- c. Budget Update
 1. Use funds by the end of year/shirts – will need PO
 2. EC will set up regular meetings with new BA to go over the budget
- d. Planning for 2020 EC Reorganization
 1. January meeting – calendar, liaisons, officers, new members, realistic 2020 goals
 2. Tom Weisman’s membership is up, Ed will be an alternate
 3. Bob Cinek is not seeking reappointment, but wants to continue to help EC in an advisory capacity (newsletter, etc)
 4. There are two candidates for EC - Owen Peacock and Luisa Torro
- e. Website -Scott B. will take over

II. Community Advisory

- a. Alexander Cleaners
 1. Follow-up to newspaper article
 2. Planning for a January meeting with HEC members, the Mayor, and Mark Herzberg (NJDEP)
 3. Meeting set for Jan. 15
- b. Community Forestry Update – including priority of follow up work and EC access
- c. Tree Ordinance (TO) Status Update – no update
- d. Discussion and follow up from December 10 Emerald Ash presentation –
 1. Pam Zipse from Rutgers presented
 2. Attendance – a number of people from Woodcliff Lake, one from Oakland, 9 people in all
 3. 1.5 hours long and very informative
 4. Failure to acts is more costly than waiting
 5. Basal spray and aerial, effective up to 30% infection
 6. Safety issues?
 7. Inventory needed for funding and grants
 8. The HEC will get a copy of the presentation
 9. It is not too late for Hillsdale to do something

III. EC Programs/Initiatives

- a. Spring Event Planning- Looking ahead to spring event needs and EC member to lead,

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1. Town clean-up,
2. Arbor Day (in past lead by Bob w/tree acquisition by Scott),
3. Seedling program (special event this year as per Mayor (Salem Oak Legacy Program). This is also 50th year of Earth Day, and someone should coordinate with BHIVE about their plans.
4. Salem Oak – centerpiece, dates before Revolutionary War, collected acorns, branches and root stocks, every Municipality to get a branch in time for Arbor Day

IV. Planning/Zoning

- a. 333 Washington – carried to Jan. 28th, trees will be on next meeting
- b. Built for Success- postponed to another meeting

Meeting Adjourn: 8:00 pm

Next Meeting: January 20, 2020