

Hillsdale Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes January 20, 2020

Members in attendance: Scott Raymond, Owen Peacock, Adam Tate, Steve Goodman, Luisa Toro, Scott Beckman, Ed Alter

I. Commission Business

- a. Call to Order (7:01 pm) and approval of minutes from December 21, 2019
- b. Correspondence and email – none
- c. Budget Update
 1. Use funds by the end of year/shirts – will need PO – no update from the town - \$425 from last years budgets for shirts
- d. EC Meetings schedule for 2020 – January 20, February 17, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21 – Noticed with borough clerk; roster to be distributed February 17

II. Community Advisory

- a. Alexander Cleaners
 1. Follow-up to January 15 meeting with HEC members, the Mayor, and Mark Herzberg (NJDEP)
 - a) NJDEP contractors demolished building and placed a tarp over site
 - b) Will not be performing remediation until approximately one-year
 - c) Will perform some groundwater sampling – will keep us updated
- b. Community Forestry Update – including priority of follow up work and EC access – Deferred until Frank is present
- c. Tree Ordinance (TO) Status Update – Deferred until Frank is present
- d. Suez Walkway – Ed met with the new Borough Administrator. Still waiting for Grant from Watershed of NJ. In Hillsdale it will be a ¼ mile – natural trail, eventually have trail down Pascack Brook
- e. Collaborative monthly EC/BA Meeting – to be recommended and held monthly for event planning purposes starting February 2020

III. EC Programs/Initiatives

- a. Spring Event Planning- (tabled to February HEC meeting)
- b. ERI - (tabled to February HEC meeting)

IV. Planning/Zoning

- a. 333 Washington – open space, rejected twice, three single family homes, still being considered,
- b. Built for Success – 10 Orchard
 1. Four existing homes to be taken down
 2. Planned units reduced from 42 to 24 units

V. Upcoming Trainings

- a. March 7 (Saturday) ANJEC Fundamentals for Environmental Commission Training 2020 (recommended for new members)

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1. 2020 program is newly updated and will include sessions on stormwater regulations and plastic pollution reduction
2. Turtle Back Zoo- Education Center – 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ (9:00 am – 1:30 pm)
3. Owen and Luisa to be signed up for ANJEC

Meeting Adjourn: 7:55 pm

Next Meeting: February 17, 2020