

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

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023– 7:00 pm**  
**MEDFORD TOWN HALL, 49 UNION STREET**

- I. Present:** P. Galie, P. Sloves, B. Lee, A. Levas, I. Wright, B. Portocalis, Councilwoman Donna Symons, **Guests:** B. Pelloni

The meeting was called to order by P. Galie at 7:07 pm

- II. Review/approve minutes of July 2023 Meeting** (no minutes from August & September meetings due to lack of a quorum)
- P. Sloves moved to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Lee. All in favor. Minutes accepted.

**III. Public Comments**

There were none present.

**IV. Old Business**

- Finalize Community Informational/Education Date & Program – 3/12/24 will be the date of the Community Education Program. Beth will reserve the Public Safety Courtroom so it can be livestreamed and recorded.
- Sustainable NJ Certification-Silver Status Achieved! Reported that we have found the plaque and installed the new update. We should not wait to plan for the next cycle. Recertification in 2025.
- Green Team – Friends of the Green Team Meetings Update Notes will be provided from their last meeting of Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. 12 people in attendance but many more interested & involved. Planning a trip to the County Recycling Center & the NY Fossil Fuel Conference in NY in March 2024. They are also developing a Medford eco-guide and attending a Green Team workshop in Cherry Hill.
- Grant Applications/Projects
  - 1) Sustainable Jersey AC Electric Grant – Lightning detection system in Hartford Crossing Park. Received the grant of \$5,000 and a check of 50%. Balance paid after work completed.
  - 2) Tree Grant from the Burlington County Bridge Comm. The Township will have the trees picked up on 10/19 and planted along the Rancocas Creek in Medford/Tomlinson Park.

- Trex Bench project status for Freedom Barks- The EAAC and Freedom Barks Volunteer continue to partner with collecting and delivering the traditionally non-recyclable plastic to the recycling center. Recently, the rules have changed and it is now 12 months to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic to receive a free bench from Trex.

Monitor:

- Pedestrian & cycling related assistance and Twp. grants  
TAP Grant of \$1.496M for Main Street pedestrian & bicycling safety; Safe Routes to School application submitted for the Village; as well as Safe Streets for All to develop an Action Plan for the entire Twp. for pedestrian & bicycling safety are all grants that are being worked on and planned for.
- Community Composting Project – ongoing
- Bike Rodeo in coordination with Police Dept. – ongoing
- ROSI – Complete Review and Recommendation  
Council moving on acquiring a piece of property Hartford & Church across from Johnson’s Farm. Requesting support from County for 25% cost share.
- NJ Future – Technical Assistance for FEMA Community Rating System/Flood Resiliency & Mitigation
- Green Product Education – Discussion/Continued promotions
- Wildlife Plan for next round of Sustainable Jersey certification
- Utility Line Tree Cutting  
This is a topic that bears more research as to best practices as well as state standards. Ongoing.

**V. *New Business* –**

- Wildlife Tree for the holidays  
B. Pelloni will check to see if scout troop is interested in taking this project on for the Dickens Festival. To be located at Tomlinson Park.

**VI. *Planning & Zoning Considerations***

- Review of Application Plans submitted to Planning & Zoning Office

**VII. *Next meeting* – Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**

***VIII. Adjournment***

There being no further business to come before the group, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Motion by R. Petrillo & seconded by P. Sloves. All in favor.