

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024– 7:00 pm
MEDFORD TOWN HALL, 49 UNION STREET**

I. *Roll Call* (Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm)

Present: Pola Galie, Deb Evans, Sandy Krueger, Brian Pelloni, Tyler Matthews, Ed Tenthoff, Councilwoman Bethany Milk, Beth Portocalis-Twp. Liaison

Absent: Bo Petrillo, Ileen Wright, Alice Levas

Guest: Ben Rochat

II. *Review/approve minutes of January 2024 Meeting*

The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. D. Evans moved to accept and B. Pelloni seconded. S. Krueger abstained. All were in favor.

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

IV. *Old Business*

Community Informational/Education Date & Program –

Date is 9th April from 7 - 8:30 (our April meeting) in the Public Safety Building. There will be a composting table, a handout table on plastics, garden plots, etc. One or more speakers. Beth has reserved the room and will publicize.

Sustainable NJ Certification- Re-cert due in 2025 Members met Tuesday, 6th February to talk about getting ready for our 2025 submission.

Green Team – Friends of the Green Team Meetings – Focus has been on upcoming Community Informational Workshop.

Earth Day & Tree Giveaway Spring Event – Scheduled on 20th April starting at 8 am at Freedom Park. The Woman's Club is in as co-sponsor, with chair of Nancy Clipper - needs publicity. T. Matthews to reach out to Cedar Run about having a booth. Women's Club has a for sale table - anyone from EAAC interested to donate w/proceeds going to Green Team?? The Rotary will not be there with shredding, it is the next week on April 27th. Beth will try to get a food truck.

Grant Applications/Projects -

Beth reported in that filing made for \$550,000 Green Acres grant to preserve plot at Hartford and Church Roads.

PSE&G grant not submitted

Pola working on Xeries plant grant

NJDCA local grant for Canoe Trail clearing submitted
Tree City – R. Petrillo working on Tree City certification due 2/15/24
Trex Bench project status - collection for 7th bench now begun

Monitor:

- Pedestrian & cycling related assistance and Twp. grants (Coordination with DVRPC, Cross County Connection, NJDOT & Burlington County)
- Community Composting Project - discussion of combining garden plot and composting - Bryan to look at
- Bike Rodeo in coordination with Police Dept.
- Open Space Acquisition- Church & Hartford Road parcel **see above
- ROSI – Complete Review and Recommendation – Beth to submit before end of February
- NJ Future – Technical Assistance for FEMA Community Rating System/Flood Resiliency & Mitigation
- Green Product Education – Discussion/Continued promotions
- Utility Line Tree Cutting

V. New Business

Discussion of Shade Tree component of EAAC charter – The Boards & Committees Handbook has the Ordinance language and covers both environmental commission and shade tree committee functions.

VI. Planning & Zoning Considerations – None

VII. Next meeting – Tuesday, March 12, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, B. Pelloini moved and T. Matthews seconded; all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.