

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023– 7:00 pm
MEDFORD TOWN HALL, 49 UNION STREET

I. Roll Call (Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm)

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

Absent: Bo Petrillo, Alice Levas

Guests: None

II. Oaths of Office

- Councilwoman Bethany Milk administered the Oath of Office to all members

III. Election of Chair, Vice Chair & Recording Secretary

- Deb Evans nominated Pola Galie for Chair, Brian Pelloni 2nd, all approved. Pola Galie nominated Deb Evans for Vice Chair, Brian Pelloni 2nd, all approved. Ed Tenthoff nominated himself for Recording Secretary, Deb Evans 2nd, all approved.

IV. Review/approve minutes of December 10, 2023 Meeting

- The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. Pola Galie moved to accept and Deb Evans 2nd. Brian Pelloni, Tyler Matthews, and Ed Tenthoff abstained, all others approved.

V. Public Comments

- ***None Present***

VI. Old Business

- Community Informational/Education Date & Program
 - Date of April 9, 2024 was selected. Ileen Wright reported that the Green Team Auxiliary will arrange for a speaker

from the native plants society, a presentation on composting, and a table with informational materials.

- Sustainable NJ Certification - next cycle due in 2025
 - Members will hold a sub-committee meeting February 6, 2024 to discuss planning for re-certification process.
- Green Team – Green Team Auxiliary Update
 - The Township earth day event is scheduled for April 20, 2024. Contact will be made with the Woman’s Club and Sunrise Rotary to try and coordinate the event.
- Grant Applications/Projects
 - 1) Sustainable Jersey grant from PSE&G - application due by 2/9/24.
 - 2) Committee is investigating additional grants (AARP Community Challenge Grant, Community Energy Plan Grant Program, and others)
- Trex Bench Project
 - Working on bench number 7; program recently changed to require 1000lbs of plastic within 12 months; goal remains 2 benches per year. Plastics currently being collected at Lower Forge Brewery, EMS Station 258, and Cranberry Hall Senior Center.

Monitor:

- Pedestrian & cycling related assistance and Twp. grants (Coordination with DVRPC, Cross County Connection, NJDOT & Burlington County)
- Community Composting Project
- Bike Rodeo in coordination with Police Dept.
- Open Space Acquisition- Church & Hartford Road parcel
There is discussion for wetland delineation of this parcel.
It is ongoing.
- ROSI – Complete Review and Recommendation

- 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

VII. New Business

- The Committee discussed having easier access to review new applications to the Township that will require tree removal or significant landscaping as part of the project.
- The Committee discussed the need to complete the Tree City USA Application (deadline in NJ believed to be mid-February).

VIII. Planning & Zoning Considerations

- None

IX. Next meeting - Tuesday, February 13, 2024 @ 7:00pm

X. Adjournment

- There being no further business to come before the committee, Brian Pelloni moved to adjourn, Deb Evans 2nd, all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.