

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025– 7:00 pm
MEDFORD TOWN HALL, 49 UNION STREET

- I. Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 7:01pm
Present: Pola Galie, Brian Pelloni, Nicole Savaiano, Deb Evans, Alice Levas, Ileen Wright, Sandra Krueger
Guests: Bethany Milk (Twp. Council), Angela Sforza (Twp. Liason), Jim Burke, Kate Conlow, Stephen Elliott
Absent: Ed Tenthoff
- II. Review/approve minutes of September 2025 Meeting**
- Brian moved to approve, Nicole seconded – Minutes were unanimously approved
- III. Public Comments (limited to 5 minutes per person) - None**
- VI. Old Business**
- **Sustainable NJ Certification** – The Township once again achieved Silver status thanks to the hard work of Pola, Deb, and Angela; We completed 32 Actions in 13 different categories; Pola described the program for members of the public in attendance
 - **Green Team – Friends of the Green Team Meetings Update** – The Oktoberfest recycling program was a success; Approximately 250lbs of material was recycled through 3 stations; The Green Team will make some modifications next year (adjust times, increase number of stations and workers) and look to expand the program to other events in town; The Burlington County Repair Café was also a success, Nicole was in attendance (and working there on jewelry repairs) and reported that the event was positively received by the community
 - **Grant Applications/Projects**
 - 1) **AC Electric Environmental Stewardship Grant Application - Sustainable Jersey Communities (Hartford Crossing Project)** – First half of the grant will be received next week; Project is moving forward
 - 2) **Community Energy Planning Grant** – Still waiting
 - **Trex Bench project status** – We are 700lbs into bench number 11; Pola will be doing an article on the program
 - **Revised Tree Ordinance/EAAC responsibilities** – No updates
 - **Adopt A Drain Program (w/Brian Cop, DPW Director)** – Still at 15 adopted drains
 - **Community Composting Project** – Ongoing effort, no updates
 - **Sustainable Medford Facebook Page** – The page is up to 52 members and growing!
 - **Eagle Scout Projects** – The Freedom Barks project was successfully completed; A new project will focus on the kiosk in downtown Medford
 - **"Skip the Stuff"** – It was previously discussed about doing an resolution/ordinance; New alternative plan is to put together an educational flyer and circulate it on the topic
- Monitor:
- **Pedestrian & cycling related assistance and Twp. grants (Coordination with DVRPC, Cross County Connection, NJDOT & Burlington County)** – No update
 - **Bike Rodeo in coordination with Police Dept.** – Pola will be in touch with new Chief of Police to see if the program can be brought back
 - **Open Space Acquisition- Church & Hartford Road parcel – Green Acres Grant submitted – February 2024** – The acquisition was successful, and a ribbon cutting ceremony took place October 8

- ❑ **ROSI – Complete Review and Recommendation** – Township is close to an agreement on the updated ROSI with Green Acres, anticipated completion next month
- ❑ **NJ Future – Technical Assistance for FEMA Community Rating System/Flood Resiliency & Mitigation** – No update
- ❑ **Green Product Education – Discussion/Continued promotions** – No update
- ❑ **Utility Line Tree Cutting/Main Street Trees** – Deb suggested developing a long-term tree and sidewalk improvement plan for Main Street to address the current status of PSE&G trimmed trees; Councilwoman Milk agreed that it is something the Council could look into; Nicole and Deb also noted some dead trees along Hartford Road, and will reach out to a certified arborist for an assessment

V *New Business –*

- ❑ **Riverkeeper for Medford Discussion** – Guest Speaker Stephen Elliott from Pinelands Conservation explained options for citizen-led water monitoring and watershed programs; The Committee discussed defining the purpose and scope of a potential “Riverkeeper” role and exploring grant-supported collaboration with regional partners; Emphasis was placed on maintenance, liability, and Township oversight
- ❑ **Review/Revision of EAAC/Green Team Charter (Ed Tenthoff)**
- ❑ **Subcommittee for Hartford Crossing Project** – A subcommittee (comprised of 5-7 people from the EAAC, Council, and members of the public) will be formed to oversee the revitalization of the Hartford Crossing trails into a safe, educational recreation area; The \$5,000 grant was secured, and a local tree service will be donating their services to clear necessary trees
- ❑ **Textile Recycling** – The Committee agreed to invite a representative from Helpsy to the November meeting and present something on textile recycling programs

VI. *Planning & Zoning Considerations*

- ❑ **Review of Application Plans submitted to Planning & Zoning Office** - None

VII. *Next meeting* – MONDAY, November 10, 2025 at 7 pm (Rescheduled to observe Veteran's Day)

VIII. *Adjournment* – Ilene moved to adjourn, Nicole seconded; Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm