

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

TUESDAY, February 11, 2025– 7:03 pm
MEDFORD TOWN HALL, 49 UNION STREET

- I.***Roll Call* (Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm
Present: Pola Galie, Ileen Wright, Alice Levas , Ed Tenthoff, Deb Evans,
Brian Pelloni
Guests: Councilman Chuck Watson, Angela Sforza, Township Liaison
Absent: Sandra Krueger
Guest: Zac Wilson, Nicole Kramer

II Approval of minutes

- The January minutes were approved after motion and second by Deb and Ed.

III Public Comments (limited to 5 minutes per person)

Zac Wilson of 51 N Main Street heard that there was a motion in Medford council to support a ban on offshore power windmills and he is against this motion and asked us to look at the science.

Nicole Kramer of 152 Taunton Blvd also wants to comment on this topic and says that fossil fuel interests are spreading misinformation on offshore windmills.

Ileen Wright asked guests to join our Green Team meeting for more environmental information and action.

Councilman Watson said no resolution has yet been passed. We need to look at alternative sources of power including nuclear power. He does feel there is danger to fish and birds from these windmills and that they are not good for the environment nor economically feasible. Apparently, a NJ mayor sent out the resolution to all NJ mayors.

Deb, Alice and Brian all spoke that alternative energy sources need to be researched but do not have a decision on this now.

IV. Old Business

- Sustainable NJ Certification- Re-cert due in February 2025 – deadline next Friday and we will have enough to submit to get comments back.
- Green Team – Friends of the Green Team Meetings Update – no meeting last month due to scheduling issues. Burlington County Green Team going to meet at Lower Forge Brewery 2 June. Burlington County Administration center to host a Repair Café 15 March from 10 to 2 bring small appliances to get them fixed.
- Grant Applications/Projects – Angela to deliver updates in the future.
 - 1) ACE Grant for Phase II Weather Monitoring – Moving forward and Daniel to follow up
NJCA Local Rec Improvement Grant – Canoe Trail. Contract awarded to Capella to remove 31 obstructions in Rancocas Creek for about \$28,000.
 - 2) AC Electric Environmental Stewardship Grant Application - Sustainable Jersey Communities – Grant
- Trex Bench project status – Pola hopes to make a delivery this week
- Revised Tree Ordinance/EAAC responsibilities – No action
- Sunrise Rotary Tree Planting – Phase II – New president and Pola and Angela to meet with the group in early March. They are still very interested.
- Adopt A Drain Program (w/Brian Cop, DPW Ass't Director) – Purchase order issued to buy welcome kits. Open to the public to adopt drains and there will be public notification. We will invite Brian Cop to one of our meetings.
- Tree City/Arbor Day Planning – For our Earth Day tree giveaway, NJ State Forest Nursery says there are no longer trees for free and 30 seedlings cost \$100 so our 300 trees would cost \$1000. Brian Pelloni feels people take the trees and plant them and it is worth pursuing.
- We have to find a date for our Arbor Day in April. Schools closed 21st to 25th. Actual Earth Day is the 22nd. Usually matched with Woman's Club Yard Sale. Possibly the 12th from 8 to noon, the same day as the Easter Egg hunt at 11. Pola to reach out to the Woman's Club for approval.
- Rain Garden Program – Possibly partner with PPA on this.

V. 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 –
- ROSI – Complete Review and Recommendation –
- NJ Future – Technical Assistance for FEMA Community Rating System/Flood Resiliency & Mitigation
- Green Product Education – Discussion/Continued promotions
- Utility Line Tree Cutting

VI New Business –

- 2/18 council meeting at which we will share our 2024 accomplishments and 2025 goals
- Talking of possible presentation topics such as worms, good and bad plastic, passive presentation on Trex benches, use of fertilizers, and insect spraying, and our community gardens by Allen School

VII Planning & Zoning Considerations

- No major development plans. Angela will share such plans with us.

VIII Next meeting – Tues., March 11 @ 7:00pm

IX Adjournment at 8:13

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Tenthoff