

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

TUESDAY, June 10, 2025– 7:00 pm
MEDFORD TOWN HALL, 49 UNION STREET

I. Roll Call Meeting began at 7:06

Present: Pola Galie, Ed Tenthoff, Brian Pelloni, Sandra Krueger, Nicole Savaiano
Guests: Donna Symons, Council, Angela Sforza, Township Liaison, Catie Doherty
Paul Patterson

II. Review/approve minutes of May 2025 Meeting

- Brian moved and Nicole seconded to accept May minutes which were unanimously approved.

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

VI. Old Business

- Sustainable NJ Certification- Re-cert due in 2025 – We should soon get our second response with one more chance to work on what we need to keep our Silver ranking.
- Green Team – Friends of the Green Team Meetings Update – Working on a recycling program for Octoberfest. Burlington County Greet Team had a social at Lower Forge that was very successful. The County has proposed a Repair Cafe when knowledgeable people help repair appliances, jewelry, etc., at the Agricultural Center on 21 September from 1-4.
- Grant Applications/Projects
 - 1) ACE Grant for Phase II Weather Monitoring
 - 2) NJDCA Local Rec Improvement Grant – Canoe Trail
 - 3) AC Electric Environmental Stewardship Grant Application - Sustainable Jersey Communities
 - 4) The Safe Streets for All (SS4A) professionals – ERI and McCormick Taylor participated in an initial meeting on March 19th. The firms are setting up a steering committee meeting later in June for the purpose of developing the public engagement component of formulating a bicycle and pedestrian safety plan. Also, the Township will be applying for new field lighting for Hartford Crossing Park through the Burlington County Municipal Parks Development Program.
- Trex Bench project status – working on bench number 10. If we need another sponsor, Ed volunteered the Medford Senior Center. A completed bench to be installed at Cow Point this week.
- Revised Tree Ordinance/EAAC responsibilities – Reviewing to identify conflicting language resulting from combining two documents.
- Adopt A Drain Program (w/Brian Cop, DPW Asst. Director) -

Monitor:

- Pedestrian & cycling related assistance and Twp. grants (Coordination with DVRPC, Cross County Connection, NJDOT & Burlington County)
- Community Composting Project (Presentation 6/10/25)
- Bike Rodeo in coordination with Police Dept.
- Open Space Acquisition- Church & Hartford Road parcel – Green Acres Grant submitted – February 2024. This is actively being worked on.
- 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

V. New Business –

- Communication – Pola has reached out to Daniel Hornickel about the Green Team having a social presence such as Face Book and perhaps even a website for educational purposes. Discussed possible organization and operation, including the possible use of QR codes.
- Catie Doherty from Garden State Composting gave a presentation on municipal composting programs in which yard trimmings and/or food scraps are collected from homes and businesses via curbside collection or at drop-off sites. There are many benefits to such a program including reduced costs, less methane, cleaner environment and earn points towards our Sustainable New Jersey certification
Medford could pilot this with a drop off program in a selected area with high interest in participation. This could be inexpensive or free for community members. Medford could contract a service such as Garden State Composting for hauling and recycling
Pola will meet with Brian Cop and Ronnie Fowler on this topic.

VI. Planning & Zoning Considerations

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

VII. Next meeting – July 8, 2025 @ 7 pm

VIII. Adjournment Brian moved and Nicole seconded to adjourn minutes and unanimously approved at 8:10.

Respectively Submitted: Ed Tenthoff