TOWNSHIP OF MEDFORD
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAAC) MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026– 7:00 pm
MEDFORD TOWN HALL, 49 UNION STREET

Present: Pola Galie, Deb Evans, Nicole Saviano, Alexis Trautman, Alice Levas, Ileen Wright
Guests: Angela Sforza, Township Liaison, William Santamore
Absent: James Burke, Sandra Krueger, Brian Pelloni

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Review/approve minutes of August 2026 Meeting
N. Saviano moved to approve the minutes as written and A. Trautman seconded. All in favor. Minutes accepted.

Public Comments
There were no public comments.

VI. Old Business
Sustainable NJ Certification Update
a. Green Business Recognition Program
The committee discussed developing a Medford-specific recognition program for businesses demonstrating sustainable practices.

The concept grew from recent Green Team conversation to nominate local businesses who have demonstrated positive environmental practices.

It was decided that a request would be forwarded to the Township Manager to allow a subcommittee to draft a plan for a program for Green Recognition of business, student or resident with the plan to be formed after input from the manager and council members.

Green Team – Friends of the Green Team Meetings Update
a. Oktoberfest 2026 -
Volunteers have signed up and everything is set for 9/19/26.

b. Halloween Costume Drive
Halloween Costume Exchange is confirmed for October 11, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Collection bins have been placed at participating local businesses.

Grant Applications/Projects
a. Subcommittee for Hartford Crossing Project
The committee reviewed progress on the educational signage project at Hartford Crossing.

Monitor:
Pedestrian & cycling related assistance and Twp. grants
Safe Routes to School and Safe Streets for All were discussed. The survey has been completed and results are being compiled by the township engineer and consultants.

ROSI – Complete Review and Recommendation - Nothing to report

NJ Future – Technical Assistance for FEMA Community Rating System/Flood Resiliency & Mitigation
The project/application was described as being in very early stages.

Trex Recycling project update
The program continues to grow as more people locate the drop off locations. Averaging over 100 pounds per week collected and dropped off.

Adopt A Drain Program
We need to continue to grow the program through education. (https://nj.adopt-a-drain.org/)

Community Composting Program
Report from Garden State Composting is that the program continues to grow. Growth and education are still ongoing.
(https://www.gardenstatecomposting.com/medford-township-drop-off)

Review/Revision of EAAC/Green Team Charter (including RiverKeeper)
Hold for future.

New Business –
Info on Rancocas Nature Conservancy Project in Medford - Pola Galie to send link to township for review. We hope for more partnering in the future for Medford projects.

School Volunteer Connection. A connection has been made to be able to communicate volunteer opportunities directly to the high school in the future.

Open Discussion
W. Santamore inquired if anyone has reported that there less small trees in the area and whether action is required. He has noticed this in is area. Research with NJ Forestry is the next step. P. Galie mentioned that there are many potential projects related to trees in Medford and they are all worthwhile but take time.

***Plan*ning & Zoning Considerations**
Review of Application Plans submitted to Planning & Zoning Office
D. Evans requested that our zoning office send agendas and plans to the committee automatically.

Next meeting – October 13, 2026

Adjournment
N. Saviano moved and A. Trautman seconded. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pola Galie (with help from N. Saviano's note taking)