

MEETING MINUTES

Mendham Borough Environmental Commission

November 16th, 2017 7:30 p.m.

The Phoenix House

PRESENT: Peter Barry, Elise Dann, Marian Mundy Hooper, Paula Barber

Approval of Minutes: APPROVED

Old Business:

- ½ Earth Day October 21, 2017- Peter- 10 attendees. Next date April 14, 2018 to clean up Mudhole

New Business:

- Land Use Committee Report- Dave Sharkey- NO REPORT
- Shade Tree Committee Report -Dave Sharkey- NO REPORT
- Planning Board Report- Paul Cascais- NO REPORT
- Board of Adjustment Report- Brennan Reilly- Would like to re-examine bulk variance applications as they relate to front porches- perhaps Borough can adopt ordinance similar to Chatham Borough that allows for 30 SF disturbance in front yard setback and lot coverage.
- Open Space Report- Peter Barry- Rowe sheep farm proceeding with permanent Farmland Preservation Program. Scott Farm report from Elise forwarded to MBOSC. Open Space Inventory Meeting in process
- Communications Report-Marian- Photo of ½ Earth Day submitted to Observer Tribune
- Pending Applications for review- Committee- NO REPORT
- Highlands review-Elise- To reach out to Highlands Coalition for “guidance”
- Loop Trail- Marian- In Process
- Future Events- Paula- To reach out to local organizations and the Audubon society to replicate [“Take Flight” Concert](#)
- 2018 MBEC Calendar- Proposal to change meeting times from 7:30pm to 7:00pm met

with approval from attendees

- Styrofoam recycling December 30th, 2017- Marian- To coordinate with Rich Cotter

Public Comment:

- **Ron Weissman 14 Tempe Wick Road**
concerns with ownership of 51% of Downtown by one entity- was attending Council Meeting to discuss further

Adjournment: 8:45