

**MINUTES FOR
Mendham Borough Environmental Commission**

September 21st, 2017

7:30 p.m.

The Phoenix House

The announcement for this meeting on September 21st, 2017, was advertised in the Observer-Tribune and the Daily Record as per the governance of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions

Present: Peter Barry, Elise Dann, Marian Mundy Hooper, Dave Sharkey, Student Rep Jennifer Linden

Approval of Minutes: Approved

Old Business:

- Tranquility Garden
Jennifer is providing material. Elise and Jennifer will be locating plant locations. DPW has offered to plant. Jennifer has communicated with Mrs. Gulino regarding scope and procedure of the project.

New Business:

- Land Use Committee Report- Dave Sharkey
Application for Frank's Pizza in King's Mall
- Shade Tree Committee Report -Dave Sharkey
Inventory is taking place and would appreciate assistance from Committee and public in regards to locating, identifying and commenting on quantity and condition as it relates to maintenance, removal, replanting. Jennifer and Elise availed their assistance. Dave to provide criteria.
Elise is interested in attending a Shade Tree conference in Cherry Hill on October 19,20; Shade Tree or Environmental Commission money could be budgeted for attendance.
- Planning Board Report- Paul Cascas (in absentia)
Application for Frank's Pizza in King's Mall
- Open Space Report- Peter Barry
Discussion by Council for use of Open Space Budget for Mudhole Dam repair Rowe Sheep Farm right-of-way cleared by County DPW.
OS continues its support to have Rowe Sheep Farm as part of permanent Farmland Preservation Plan.

DEP has negated the proposed walking trail around Scott Farm due to environmental constraints: wetlands and protected species.
OS is working on updating OS Inventory

- Pending Applications for review- Committee
N/A
- ½ Earth Day October 21, 2017
8:00am-10:00am targeting area behind King's shopping
Raritan Watershed has offered bags and shirts
Peter to contact property owners for permission to access area; fallback is Dean Road Entrance. Jennifer to provide tables
- Styrofoam recycling December 30th, 2017
Peter to coordinate with Mendham Township who offers to host
- Mendham "Celebration Day" June 28th, 2018
Please provide "Theme" ideas

Public Comment:

Bryan Hill 35 East Main Street, Mendham

Tim Finnerty Basking Ridge

Allan Kirby 14 East Main and Green Hills Road, Mendham

Ronald Weissman 15 Tempe Wick Road, Mendham

Discussion regarding previous application BOA #1-17

Concerns regarding applications for 25 East Main Street as they relate to:

Public Safety: Emergency Service Vehicles Egress and Exit,
traffic/congestion, parking

Environmental Sensitivity; not limited to: run-off, disruption to
headwaters to Passaic River, Noise pollution, Air pollution, Non-point
source pollution, underground or aboveground detention

Historic Preservation

Adaptive re-use for public good

Discussion regarding the elimination of Town Emergency Services Signal

Elimination of Town "whistle" due to the use of electronic messaging

Adjournment: 9:10pm