

## MEETING MINUTES

### Mendham Borough Environmental Commission

March 16th, 2017

7:30 p.m.

### The Phoenix House

**Present:** Peter Barry, John Dannenbaum, Elise Dann, and Student Rep Jennifer Linden

**Absent:** Paul Cascais, Marian Mundy Hooper

**Invited Guests:** Land-Use Committee Chair Dave Sharkey

**Approval of Minutes:** minutes were not provided from previous meeting

#### Old Business:

- Mountain Valley Park Dam:  
Dredging to begin April, 2017
- Tranquility Garden
  - Elise/Jennifer will develop plan with the following criteria:
    - Accessible
    - Species selection based on low maintenance, “fauna” resistant and Spring blooming
    - explore the possibility of paver for path creation
    - explore potential for vehicular parking
    - confirm “willingness” of DPW to provide and spread mulch annually
  - Grant Application
    - Jennifer to work on with assistance; not a conflict for Elise
  - Open Space Committee Support
    - Pending design/budget/plan
- Earth Day
  - April 22
  - URWA seeks \$300 donation
    - Approved- address to be provided for cheque procurement
  - Teaming up with Mendham Township- time and location to be provided

#### New Business:

- Mayor’s Report- No Report
- Land Use Committee Report- Dave Sharkey
  - Environmental Commission should continue its promotion of “passive recreation” through education, communication, promotional activities
  - Potential review of MBEC, MBOS and MBSTC charters for potential further synergy and coordinated action

- Shade Tree Commission integration with MBEC; shared labor in assisting Shade Tree Commission with its evaluation of existing inventory and future plantings
- Planning Board Report- No report
- Open Space Report- Peter Barry
  - Committee working on correspondence with property owners of “tier1 properties,” (as defined in the Master Plan,) for future applications
- Pending Applications for review- No applications provided
  - Request to be made of Board Secretary, with support of Land Use Committee Chair Mr. Sharkey to provide MBEC applications submitted to Zoning and Planning Boards for MBEC Review and Comment
  - MBEC to develop Environmental Land Use Review Check-list with Board/Council input
- MBEC Re-organization:
  - Peter Barry Chair
  - Elise Dann Vice Chair
  - Diane VanArdsdale seeking appointment from Mayor Henry

**Public Comment:**

Mendham resident Allesandra DePaolantonio, from University of Utah, participated in our meeting as part of a course requirement

**Adjournment:**

-8:40 pm