

MINUTES FOR
Mendham Borough Environmental Commission

January 18, 2018 7:00 p.m.

The Phoenix House

The announcement for this meeting on January 18th, 2018, 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, Marian Mundy Hooper, Student Rep Jennifer Linden, Paula Barber, Brennan Reilly

Approval of Minutes:

New Business:

- Land Use Committee Report- No Report
- Shade Tree Committee Report -No Report
- Planning Board Report- No Report
- Board of Adjustment Report- Brennan Reilly
Suggesting amendment to Ordinance to offer alternative methods for remediation in bulk variances where permitted impervious coverage is exceeded: mapping of run-off mitigation systems.
- Open Space Report- Peter Barry
Proposal to assign \$50,000 for the stabilization of Scott Barns submitted with report to Council.
Rowe Sheep Farm Farmland Preservation Applications proceeding.
Open Space Plan review in process.
- Communications Report-Marian
Potential article on Styrofoam Recycling Day; Marian to reach out to Rich Cotter.
Potential article on Tranquility Garden; Jennifer to secure picture with Elise
- Pending Applications for review- Committee
BOA #1-18 127 Hardscrable Road setback and bulk variances: No Comment
- Highlands review-No Report

- Loop Trail- Marian
Brennan and Peter, (all welcome,) to walk Mendham Open Space.
Brennan proposes working with Mendham XC Community to develop potential trails.
Brennan to coordinate with Hike Mendham Borough Hiking Trail mapping.
Quadrant Loop Trail mapping in process.
- Future Events- Paula
Attempting to secure music score from Massachusetts Audubon.
- April 14th date for Mudhole Clean-up with Raritan Headwaters
Marian recommends stream monitoring with concerns to maintain Mendham stream ratings of Trout production waters.

Public Comment:

Ron Weissman 14 Tempe Wick Road spoke about his concerns regarding: drainage conditions between property owners and the Hilltop School, and potential “petroleum plumes” from Audi of Mendham. He also expressed concerns for parking lot neighboring drainage said draining bed as it relates to Mendham Audi’s use for auto storage. He recommended the MBEC make recommendations to the Council regarding the use of impervious materials and best practices for Ordinance enforcement as it relates to run-off.

Adjournment: 8:00 pm