

Lebanon Township Environmental & Open Space Commission Agenda

October 17th, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

In compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”, notice has been given that the Lebanon Township Environmental and Open Space Commission conducts its regular business meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the main meeting room of the municipal building. Notice of this meeting was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the monthly agendas are posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building.

STANDARD AGENDA

Topic	Intent/Materials	Time
Kickoff, Roll Call & Connecting Moment (Adam Duckworth)	Call meeting to order and record attendance.	15 Min
Presentation of Minutes (Adam Duckworth)	Review and approval of September Meeting Minutes.	5 Min
General Admin (Adam Duckworth)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	10 Min
Newsletter	Winter newsletter deadline is November 1 st . Articles on the docket include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None Backlog: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper Use of Pesticides and Herbicides (target Spring 2016) • Mosquito Control (target Spring 2016) • Organic Methods • Invasive Species • Fire Risk Reduction on Your Property 	5 Min
Budget Report (Adam Duckworth)	Review and align on current state budget for EOSC, Sustainable Jersey grant and trail grant. Review outstanding reimbursements. Review upcoming spending. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Summary (Actual and Planned Spend) 	Defer
Planning Board Report (Vacant)	Share pertinent information from Planning Board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	5 Min
Highlands Report (Adam Duckworth)	Share any developments related to the Highlands Act.	5 Min
MWA Report (Erik Henriksen)	Share any pertinent information from the MWA.	5 Min
RHA Report (Nancy Lawler)	Share any pertinent information from the RHA.	5 Min

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Sustainable Jersey Report (Adam Duckworth)	Share any pertinent information from the Sustainable Jersey. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intent on Energy Gold Standard 	Defer
Correspondence (Adam Duckworth)	Acknowledge and share any formal correspondence received by EOSC chair or informal correspondence received by EOSC members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	5 Min
Special Topics	Introduce for discussion any special topics outside of the standard agenda.	15 Min
Portfolio Review	Project Leads to provide status report and next steps for active and upcoming projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunnvale Grant • Farm Passport Challenge • Goracy Trail (Priority) • Memorial Park Bio-Blitz • Recycling Actions (Priority) 	Offline

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ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order with a quorum at: 7:05 PM.

EOSC Member	Role	Attendance
Adam Duckworth	Chairman, Planning Board Liaison	X
Sharon Petzinger	Member	X
Warren Newman	Member	X
Erik Jan Henriksen	Member	No
Nancy Lawler	Member	No
Deb Goodsite	Member	No
Adam Mickley	Member	X
Sharon Hardy	Alternate 1	X
Kathy Koch	Alternate 2	X

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RHA Report (Nancy Lawler)	<p>Share any pertinent information from the RHA.</p> <p>Minutes: This topic was not discussed. Mrs. Lawler was not present at the meeting.</p>	5 Min
Sustainable Jersey Report (Adam Duckworth)	<p>Share any pertinent information from the Sustainable Jersey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intent on Energy Gold Standard <p>Minutes: This topic was not discussed. Ms. Pepperman, who is leading this work, was not present at the meeting.</p>	Defer

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	<p>use items. We might have an opportunity to assess and pursue stronger ordinances with respect to lawn watering in the summer. We should ensure our ERI is updated to reflect these things and we can use open space trust fund monies to update it. Miss Koch mentioned a "Center for Green Schools" that might of interest.</p> <p>Miss Hardy stated that the Highlands Council was very interested in the Red Mill property and had a site visit to look at it. Miss Hardy stated the representatives mentioned they have a grant for water sampling, which are monies dedicated to the evaluation and improvement of the health of our water ways, and are encouraging people to apply. Mr. Duckworth stated he would follow up with Judy Thorton.</p> <p>Miss Petzinger stated that a copy of the Wetlands LOI application for the Turkey Top property should be filed with the municipal clerk and that she would take a look at that application.</p>	