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NEW BUSINESS - REORGANIZATION

Secretary Kavchok requested a nomination for Chair of the Environmental Commission for 2022. Erica Johanson nominated Marnie Stetson and such was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Chair Stetson requested a nomination for Vice Chair of the Environmental Commission for 2022. Mark Castellano nominated James Edwards and such was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion to appoint Alison Kavchok as Secretary of the Environmental Commission for 2022 was made by Chair Stetson, seconded by Mark Castellano was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion to approve the Robert’s Rules of Order with the exception of the Commission recognizing members of the public to speak out of turn was made by Chair Stetson, seconded by Vice Chair Edwards and unanimously approved by voice vote.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No additions were applied to the agenda.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

Erica Johanson discussed the use of beet juice as an alternative to road salt. Ms. Johanson will gather information on its cost-effectiveness and present her findings at the February meeting. Chair Stetson discussed the NJ Road Salt study. The link for the study is available on township website and members of the Environmental Commission will partake in it and report back with their findings.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the November 2021 minutes was made by Marnie Stetson, seconded by Alison Kavchok, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A motion to open to the public was made by Mark Castellano, seconded by Alison Kavchok and was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Two members of the public were present via zoom. Laurie Cleveland, Executive Director of the Sourland Conservancy, and a “Rowdy” Meys.

Ms. Cleveland spoke with regard to interest in learning more about the beet juice alternative as well as the impending results of the road salt study. The Sourland Conservancy will assist in advertising, participating and providing education for initiatives brought forth by the commission, particularly the cleanups.

Seeing that no one else volunteered to speak, a motion to close to the public was made by Chair Stetson, seconded by Alison Kavchok and was unanimously approved by voice vote.

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

Sustainable Jersey Chair Stetson discussed Sustainable Jersey action items in an effort to get the Environmental commission toward a Bronze certification which is 130 points. Chair Stetson has researched specific actions:

- 1) The Public EV Infrastructure action, which is in progress;
- 2) Making the town more EV Friendly. Sustainable Jersey is re-working this action as the State of NJ now preempts municipal law governing EV ordinances, and
- 3) Community Well Testing. East Amwell has satisfied the requirements to obtain 10 points for providing Well Testing, as well as 5 points for holding a well testing event, which will be April 5th-9th. Chair Stetson will submit documentation for these action points.

Chair Stetson requested that if anyone had a specific initiative they researched to please discuss it at the next meeting.

Electric vehicle charging station status: Secretary Kavchok updated on the status of the BPU grant application as well as the possibility of future grants through JCP&L which will assist in funding the installation of the charging station. Greg Chiacchio spoke regarding his professional knowledge on EV charging stations and familiarity with FLO, the manufacturer. He familiarized himself with the grants and quotes we currently have and will provide expertise in the future on-site and in any calls with FLO.

Sustainable Jersey grant opportunity: Secretary Kavchok attended a sustainable Jersey webinar on the availability of grants for 2022 and would like to apply for a \$2,000 Green Team grant which may be used toward a Green Fair, or initiatives in process.

Secretary Kavchok elaborated on the green infrastructure webinars provided by Rutgers; one of the webinars discusses Sustainable Jersey action items which will provide direction in applying for points on related actions.

Amwell Lake cleanup status: The Amwell Lake cleanup which is set for Sunday, March 20th. A volunteer signup will be live in February and a community educator from the Americorp Watershed Ambassador program will be available to educate residents on not only the importance of maintaining the lake, but also performing their own water testing.

NEW BUSINESS

NJDEP/Arbor Day Tree Recovery Application: Erica Johanson provided a tree planting initiative from the State of NJ. Chair Stetson advised that if we are interested, she could fill out the application; prior to doing so, Chair Stetson will review the application to ensure the saplings provided are native. Options to give out seed saplings at Parks and Recreation events were discussed as well as the opportunity to apply for Sustainable Jersey points for the tree planting action.

Radon Awareness initiative: The NJDEP provided information for municipalities to educate residents on radon awareness and mitigation. Secretary Kavchok put together a document with information for residents and will provide it the first week of February.

Community Education initiative for Spring: The Raritan Headwaters would like to hold a rain barrel workshop at East Amwell. It can be done as a presentation where residents could watch. Rain barrels can be purchased. Secretary Kavchok will propose a time and logistics at the next meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There are no formal additional items for discussion. Secretary Kavchok asked Mark Castellano for direction on stormwater

ORAL REPORTS

Planning Board - Chair Stetson advised that the planning committee are working on the master plans and is working with different constituencies to hear from residents as to what is important with regard to planning purposes.

Parks & Recreation - Erica Johanson advised on the status of the parks and recreation calendar for 2022. The committee is investigating options for grant monies to apply toward the update and maintenance of Clawson park.

FOSPC - no update

Township Committee Liaison - Mark Castellano advised that the reorganization meeting was held, and the budget is ongoing. He will update the commission in February.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence is distributed by the Secretary upon receipt and is available on the Environmental Commission shared drive.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A motion to open to the public was made by Mark Castellano, seconded by James Edwards and was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Seeing no members of the public speak, a motion to close to the public was made by Erica Johanson, seconded by James Edwards and was unanimously approved by voice vote.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

A voucher in the amount of \$375.00 for 2022 membership for ANJEC (Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions) was presented and approved by the commission. Secretary Kavchok will fill out the membership information and submit to finance accordingly.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence is distributed via email to all members when the secretary receives any.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Castellano, seconded by Alison Kavchok at 8:14 P.M. and was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Name, Title