

## **Historic Flemington Borough Environmental Commission**

Meeting Date: 05.20.2019

Meeting Location: Borough Hall

Attendees: Chris Runion, Geoff Chrisman, Tara Howell, Necia Cochlin, Michael Harris; Olivia Spildooren

Regrets: Jeff Doshna

### **General Business**

- Meeting called to order at 7:10.
- 2 resignations
- Minutes from 4/15 not available to vote and approve
- Chris will get meetings on calendar;
- 3rd Monday of month for EC for remainder of year; voted and approved.

### **Council Member Report - Chris**

- Shared Electrical Services for Municipal Power – resolution passed. Energy co-op to partner with county and other local municipalities.; renewable energy there's 2 options; bid going in as 40-100%; bid going out this summer; participating in October as long as it's 5% savings for municipal buildings, lights, etc.
- E-Recycling – coming to borough with Abilities; 1-month collection on Saturdays; under 50 lb with no Freon; indoor facility
- Textile Recycling- Texima all fabric plus stuffed animals; \$1200/bin per year; Jeff Klein reached out to for zoning; 3-4 locations; library; park and ride lot; here; contract can be cancelled within 2 weeks;
- Regional Roundtable Single-Use Plastic Pollution – Chris attended; July 23 another in Lambertville; looking to get a coalition of municipalities

### **Planning Board Member Report - Chris**

- Agway Site Plan Review – dated end of April letter; initial comments; need to figure out what the mandatory timeframe is for submitting comments; this one had 2 weeks;
- Sign Ordinance – turned down at council going back to council this month

### **Shade Tree Commission Report - Chris**

- DEP Tree City Accreditation – reapplying for re-accreditation

### **Parks & Rec – Chris**

- None

### **Hunterdon Polytech Partnership – Tara**

- Met with Dan Larkin
- Determining what we can partner on
- Polytech applying for SJ school certification

### **Review & Establish Green Team Rubric – Tara**

- Michael to review last year's

### **EC Member Reports on Action Items**

- Recommend recycling pavilion at/near DPW site; behind 8 main behind Matts; Michael will lead effort
- Shared solar; we put up solar panels we're limited to put in only as many panels as being paid; find an untapped area pilot allows you to put more solar on a space than previously allowed
- NEW – bags with map with vendors – need to figure out how to market what we're doing; promote – cut and leave; buy fresh, buy local; what business use local produce, what locals buy local produce; Dvoor Farms, Stangle – get them to help promote
- Tara to update SJ action items
- Historic Flemington site – managed by an outside company; Chris to ask if Sustainable Jersey tab or link to external site; Necia suggested to ask for access to CMS system to maintain our own site.
- Tara to send Olivia SJ information
- Chris to ask Betsy if we can get Olivia designated as a intern
- Olivia working at Echo Hill and can look into items that may pertain to that.
- Let Sallie know Tara is going to SJ summit
- Eileen Parks [eparks@historicflemington.com](mailto:eparks@historicflemington.com) – planning board secretary
- Necia and Olivia to work on flyers, etc.

### **Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

- SJ Sustainability Summit, June 14th 8:30-4:30; Tara and Chris. Town may pay. Check with Sallie.