

Historic Flemington Borough  
Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes  
Meeting Date: **Monday, December 16, 2019**  
Location: Flemington Borough Hall

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Commission Attendees: Chris Runion, Tara Howell, Michael Harris, Karen Giffen  
Members of the Public: Lois Stewart

Called to order: 7:15 PM

Discussion of 2020 Goals

- Establish a procedural timeline and process between planning board and environmental commission for site plan reviews
  - Michael Harris mentioned he was frustrated at being rushed for an opinion that was considered unnecessary for “completeness” in regards to the Flemington Outdoor LL application
  - Michael Harris and Tara Howell noted that our town has been in decline for 20 years, in part, due to a lack of oversight
  - Look into policy or ordinance to make our review more impactful
  - Tara Howell will send out a draft that she previously worked on
  - Karen Giffen will review if there are any codifications affecting this process along with planning board timelines
  - Michael Harris suggests publishing environmental commission agenda ahead of time to allow residents access and a voice to the process
- Environmental Commission Facebook page and increasing outreach
- Sustainable Jersey bronze certification
- Increase and maintain membership

Sustainable Jersey Application Reviewed

- Two Action Items Approved (Total Current Points: 80)
  - Establish a Creative Team (10 pts)
  - Buy Electricity from a Renewable Source (10 pts)

Sustainable Jersey Action Items for 2020 Nearing Expiration

- NRI
- Green Building and Environmental Sustainability Element
  - Chris e-mailed planning board president regarding these two action items and the possibility of planning board taking these up in 2020

EV charging Station Grant Paperwork Currently Being Processed

- Bad News: \$36,000 cost for stations
  - Chris will contact Bill Hance and look into bonding options
  - Chris will approach Robin from FCP regarding funding
  - FCP possibly contacting car dealerships regarding sponsorship
- Good News: ROI

Discussion of Annual Report

- Chris will draft this for January's meeting

Completion of End-of-Year Rubric

Commission vote on accepting End-of-Year Rubric

- Yes: 4, No: 0

Public Comments:

- Lois Stewart – Asked why we can't combine environmental commission and shade tree commission? Also asked why we can't have a pollinator garden on a currently open piece of land at the municipal building? Mr. Harris responded that this sounds like a possible community outreach project for the green team.

Discussion of Lois Stewart as Green Team Member

- Lois Stewart added as a green team member

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM