

Pennington Borough Environmental Commission
Meeting minutes for January 23rd, 7:30 pm
Zoom Virtual

Attending: Joann Held (new acting chair), Andrew Jackson, Nancy Fishman, Brian Friedlich, Jim Fuger, Kieran John (alternate), John Valenza (Borough Council rep incoming)

Unable to attend: Kit Chandler (Borough Council rep outgoing), Daniel Rubinstein, Gregg Rackin, Tim Schwartz (alternate)

Guest Speaker: Dolph Geurds

Started at 7:37 pm

1. Public comment – None.
2. Review of past minutes - November 2022
Andy Jackson moved to accept the minutes; Jim Fuger seconded; all present approved.
3. One Compost Can (Dolph Geurds)
Offers individual month-to-month subscription service (5 gallon curbside pick-up) and / or community drop points. Hauls and processes, provides statement of pounds picked up. Committee found the topic of great interest and potential, more work to be done on costs versus quantifiable benefits.
4. Administrative Items
 - a) Membership update - John Valenza replaces Kit Chandler as Borough Council rep. Thanks to Kit for all her great work with us. Joann acting chair for now. Thanks to Brian for his past leadership as chair.
 - b) Announcements – Joann to circulate current membership with roles and terms to EC members. Upon confirmation by all, Joann to forward to John to send to Betty for updating Borough website.

5. Borough Council Report (John Valenza)
Brian, and the chairs of the other committees, to update Council representatives on current plans on Thursday February 2nd.

6. Special Project Reports (Kit Chandler) – no update (Kit unable to attend)

7. Planning/Zoning Board Report (Andy Jackson)
Applications for Starbucks and Jersey Meds were approved.

Master Plan effort continues, work to commence on Green Building & Environmental Sustainability Element. Working group to be Jim, Andy, Brian and Joann with Amy Kassler Taub as liaison to the Master Planning Committee.

8. Green Team and Sustainable Jersey Update (Joann Held)
Annual Watershed Institute meetings to be held on February 10th and 17th, both virtual and in-person.

9. Open Space Report (Nancy Fishman)
Planning continues on path to Woolsey Park.

10. Carbon Neutral Workgroup (Brian Freidman)
Work continues.

11. Other Business - none

12. Next Meeting – Monday February 27, 7:30pm

Adjourned at 9:08 pm

Submitted by: Jim Fuger