

WTEAC Minutes May 21, 2020

Teleconference Meeting opened under the Sunshine Law at 7:06 PM

Attendance (Roll Call) by Secretary Ellen Smith

Present: Chairperson Wilma Morrissey, Vice Chair Bob Kilmurray, Secretary Ellen Smith, John Ozell, Hance Sitkus, Scott Burke and Joe Balesterri.

Absent: Township Committeeman Tim Farrell and Greg Wolek.

Motion for April Minutes. Motion: Hance Sitkus 2nd: Scott Burke

Sustainable Jersey Projects – June 14 is the Deadline for Re-Certification projects. Wilma updated us on progress to-date. Most projects are completed and ready for submission.

Green Business Recognition Program – Members are requested to submit applications for 2020 online. Applications can be found on the Wallnj.com site under WTEAC brochures. Wilma wrote an article about public participation in the Green Recognition Program in the May issue of Wall Township Living. The June issue will have an article on Gardening.

NESE Pipeline – Good News! On May 15, the NJDEP's Division of Land Use Regulation released a statement stating the NESE Project does not comply with the Freshwater Wetland Protection Act, and denied the associated Freshwater Wetlands Individual Permit, Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit, Waterfront Development In-Water Individual Permit, Water Quality Certificate, Waterfront Development Upland Individual Permit, Coastal Wetland Individual Permit and Water Quality Certificate. The Williams Company has no plans to re-file.

Natural Resources Inventory - Nora is updating the Wall Twp. NRI. An e-mail was sent to Township Committeeman Carl Braun, Committeeman Tim Farrell, and Nora Coyne requesting that the NRI be added to the Township's Master Plan.

9/11 sign - Since the grant was denied twice, we are considering other avenues to fund the interpretive sign. Committeeman Kevin Orender has plans, and a commitment for the 9/11 memorial site.

Old Business, New Business- It was suggested that we need benches along the bike path, signs, and garbage containers.

The Alpaca Farm on Allaire Road is selling a portion of the farm to the Montessori School.

Site Plans and Legal Notifications - No environmental issues with the projects at 1914 Atlantic Ave or 1709 Rte 34 Rear.

Wilma viewed an ANJEC webinar about Single-Use Plastics Impact on Habitat Waterways; on Thu, Apr 30, 2020 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM EDT

New Dates: Community Cleanup Day and Barnegat Bay Blitz Cleanup will be rescheduled. Dates yet to be determined

Native Garden Volunteer - Resident Loretta Cooper sent a e-mail asking if she could volunteer to weed and maintain the garden. While the traffic light was being installed, the garden maintenance was on hold. The WTEAC is happy to take her up on her offer.

Dates to Remember: May 22, 10.a.m. – 12 p.m., Webinar Rutgers Green Infrastructure Champion: Using Green Infrastructure to Promote Climate Resiliency

Handouts - Allenwood Garden email from Loretta Cooper

Letter to Carl Barun regarding NRI

Articles - Critical Need For Clean Water

Five Ways to Make Your Virtual Meetings More Effective

Is Opening An Economy Worth the Lives of It's Workers?

More Productive from Home: Governments Learn to Love Remote Work

Reopening the Economy Under COVID-19: States Plot a Way Back April 24, 2020

Reopening the Economy Under COVID-19: States Plot a Way Back May 18, 2020

Legislative Watch: Pandemic Fuels Growth of Telemedicine

Will We Look Back Fondly on This Terrifying Period?

Adjournment 8:21PM Motion Hance Sitkus 2nd Bob Kilmurray

