

Town of Clinton, NJ
Environmental Commission

Minutes from Regular Meeting on October 14th, 2013

In attendance / Members: Ken Carberry (Council Liaison), Véronique Lambert, Jean Pierson, Deena Roberts (Shade Tree Commission Liaison), Jeff Schaumburg (Chairperson)

Absent : Patty Smeltzer

Start: 7:45 pm

Council Report

- Ken reported that Clinton has abandoned *Complete Streets* because it does not have the required accounting procedures in place to receive federal grant funds.
- Ken also reported that Véronique had asked Rich Phelan, Clinton's Business Administrator, about getting a sign for the rain garden. The town's cost for making a sign is \$75. Ken noted that the proper procedure for acquiring the sign is to first bring a request to the Environmental Commission for approval. If approved, then the request goes to Rich.

Meeting with Union Township Green Team

Deena recapped what was learned at the meeting that she and Véronique attended on Oct 2nd, 2013.

- Grants are available for towns to have Environmental Resource Inventories professionally done by environmental /engineering consultants such as Princeton Hydro.
- Anti-idling campaign to inform about state law – put up signs at truck stop; Department of Environmental Protection provides signs at \$100 for 10.
- Union's Environmental Commission is currently working on reducing truck braking noise on the 78. It is asking state police to enforce muffler violations. Deena has joined the Road Noise Group of New Jersey.

Sustainable Jersey application update

- Véronique reported that Clinton's application needs to have the Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) action approved to qualify for certification.
- In addition to updating the current ERI, we must also show that the ERI is part of Clinton's Master Plan.
- Ken thinks that the ERI is already incorporated into the Master Plan.

- Jeff said that he will check with Sean Rogan and the Planning Board to see if the ERI is indeed included in the Master Plan.
- Jeff will also look into actually updating the ERI, including scanning the current document into electronic files and making necessary edits.
- Everyone reviewed the list of actions on the Sustainable Jersey application to determine what is still outstanding. The final submission date for the last round of edits to the application is Nov 13th.

Action	Who	Notes
Create Green Team (MANDATORY)	D/V	Required information uploaded
Hold a Green Fair	Jean	Green Team has met with Amy Boyce of the Red Mill and is currently involved with planning for this event.
Energy Audits for One Building	Veronique	Required information uploaded
Community or School Gardens	Veronique	Check with school to see if town supported garden in any way.
Farmers Markets	Veronique	Required information uploaded
Safe Routes to School	Deena	Required information uploaded
Raingardens	Veronique	Required information uploaded
Support Local Businesses	Veronique	Required information uploaded
Environmental Commission	Jeff	Write up and upload annual report
Natural Resource Inventory(PRIORITY)	Jeff / Jean	Jeff converting to electronic format and reviewing for updates
Water Conservation Ordinance (PRIORITY)	Veronique	Uploaded current water restriction letter
Clustering Ordinance	Jeff	Review Ord 88-52 to see if it applies
Environmental Assessment Ordinance	Jeff	Determine if Clinton has an ordinance that qualifies
Habitat Conservation Ordinance	Jeff	Bird Sanctuary - #42 Does it apply?
Tree Protection Ordinance	Deena	In progress
Community Forestry Plan and Canopy Goal	Deena	May not be completed in time for submission
Tree Maintenance Programs	Deena	CFP is a pre-requisite for submission
Tree Planting Programs	Deena	CFP is a pre-requisite for submission
Energy Appliances	Veronique	Required information uploaded
Green Cleaning Products	Veronique	Required information uploaded

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Community Asset Map	Patty	Review requirements to see if we can meet them
Community Visioning	Jeff	See if Clinton's master plan fulfills requirements

Future Projects / Community Garden

Jean raised issue of community garden and that she has heard interest expressed by a few people in town. Ken suggested that we check in on the Clinton Township community garden to see how theirs is going.

Green Team Banner

Deena asked about spending about \$200 for a table banner for the Green Team made of recyclable material. This would be used at any community events that the Green Team is participating in. She will continue to look for and price banners from different vendors.

Next meeting

Monday, November 11th, 2013, at 7:30pm

End: 8:25 pm

Recorded by Véronique Lambert