

Environmental Commission of Atlantic Highlands (AHEC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 - 7:30 PM

Attendees:

James Krauss, Chair (JK), France Karras (FK), Jane Austin (JA), Wanda Kelly (WK), Larry Goldberg (LG), Paula Woods (PW), Don Gates (DG), Jon Crowley (JC)

Members of the public - Mark Fisher, 91 Third Avenue, Lori Montana, 14 Simpson Avenue, (on behalf of the Shade Tree Commission), Bob & Peggy Black, 17 Belvedere Road

Minutes

September 2018 minutes were reviewed and approved with one correction. LG and DG abstained

Reports

Waterfront Steward - PW expressed concern about the water test results in Many Mind and Wagner Creeks. JK agreed to speak with the Borough Administrator. Since both creeks border Middletown, DG agreed to send the results to that township's environmental commission. The Fall Clean Ocean Action beach sweep will be held on October 20, 9:30 – Noon, at the Harbor.

Lenape Woods - LG reported that the leaves were turning Fall colors.

Hudson Springs and Hilton Station

JK received a list of recommendations from Catherine Early and Michael Wallach and has forwarded it to the Borough Administrator. The borough will address the routine maintenance items and will also look into repairing the Springs wall. JK stated that he was willing to work with the neighborhood group starting in the Spring of 2019. PW moved to make it an official AHEC activity with JK as the lead. WK seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mayor and Council

JC reported that the proposed ordinance banning plastic bags, straws and stirrers was on hold pending a possible state law. He will follow up on the status of the state legislation.

Planning Board

McConnell Tract - The proposal has changed. The number of single family houses has been reduced from 21 to 16. A cul-de-sac with one entrance on Avenue D replaces the horseshoe road with two entrances. The sewage pump station has been moved to Avenue D.

25 Bayside Drive - Awaiting responses to engineer's comments

7-11 - Mark Fisher reported that the state has approved the plans and the project is out for bids.

Meeting Adjourned.