

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Tuesday, March 28, 2023  
Manchester Township Municipal Building  
1 Colonial Drive, Manchester Township, NJ

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Chairperson Fox called the Regular Meeting of the Manchester Township Environmental Commission to order with the following statement: “Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with Open Public Meetings Act. Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was advertised in the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger.”  
Time: 6:01 PM

This was followed with the Salute to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:**

- Gabrielle Fox Present
- Karen Argenti Absent
- Dina Newbert Present
- Genevieve Stavallo Present
- William Foor Present
- Christopher Blaine Absent

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to carry February 28, 2023 Minutes to the April Agenda  
William Foor made a motion to carry the February 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Gabrielle Fox.  
**Roll call vote:**, Ms. Fox, Ms. Newbert and Ms. Stavallo; yes.

Ms. Argenti - Absent  
Mr. Blaine - Absent  
Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion of Stormwater Management Ordinance**

Mr. Foor skimmed the ordinance. He wants to know how it compares with CAFRA and the rest of the Town. He wants to make it applicable to the whole Town and not just the Pinelands regions. The commission will do a memo to the Planning Board and Council.

**Discussion of Webinar on Warehouses**

Mr. Newbert explained that a lot of Towns are fighting the warehouses popping up all over the place. The solution the webinar provided was to update the Master Plan. Gabrielle will draft a memo and send it to Council.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion Community Solar Project**

Gabrielle suggested sending a memo on the Solar project to see if they want to push the information out to the public.

**Follow up on discussion of Ordinance to Amend Code 313-25- Properties and Storefronts, Vacant and Abandoned**

Mr. Foor asked about the Environmental Commission connection to the proposed ordinance. Gabrielle explained that it would incentivize filling vacant storefronts rather than knocking down more trees to build more potentially empty storefronts.

**Further discussion to set a date for the Town Clean and proposed partnerships**

The Commission decided on April 15<sup>th</sup> for the Earth Day Clean-up, and they will collaborate with Barnegat Bay. Ms. Argenti will coordinate that.

**Further discussion of the Earth Day Challenge for the Schools to set the deadline**

The Commission decided on an April 17<sup>th</sup> deadline. The prize for winning will be a Dairy Queen gift card and a small trophy. Ms. Newbert will contact Manchester Library to hang the artwork for 30 days. The Commission decided that there will be six winners, one from each grade level.

**MEMBER REPORT:**

**Mr. Foor-** Told the Commission that he has attended the last two Town Council meetings and wanted to share that he thought the Councilwoman Zolezi was doing a nice job giving positive press to Manchester Township.

**Ms. Newbert-None**

**Ms. Stavalo-None**

**Ms. Argenti-** Said that she would double check about the Arbor Day trees and wanted to see if the Commission could give one out the day of the clean-up.

**Ms. Fox-** Has been doing a lot of webinars with Ms. Argenti. She asked where she could get information about the Towns water wells and I told her that she could ask the utilities department or do an OPRA request. She wanted to find out what they test for.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

None.

The Public portion was concluded.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. Stavalo and seconded by Ms. Newbert, the meeting was adjourned. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Kisty

Commission Secretary