

Agenda for the Environmental Commission 7:00 PM September, 16 2019, Richard Cotter Chair

Welcome to Heather Tokarz a recently appointed EC member by the Mayor.

1) Approval of the Minutes from our June Meeting – All Present

1a) Mary provided the EC Minutes for the June meeting.

2) **EC Plaque** for Ralph Rhodes and Sarah Dean Link has been placed at Meadowood Park. The EC thanks the township DPW under Dave Reed who worked with us to get this accomplished. Next Steps for the EC - Brian

3) **EC Budget Requests for 2019 -Sue**

4) **Assessment of Pedestrian Easements Update:** Prioritize progress was reported at our May & June meetings, A list with all easements is on the EC Google Drive with a review form to fill out when EC members view an easement. A few easements need to be cleaned up. At end of the reviews a report will be written to summarize the findings. It will include photos. Then the Town Committee needs to enforce property owner clean up of easements where necessary. **Action:** Sue will continue work on this project.

5) **Future Grant Opportunities:** – A draft of some basic criteria for future grant applications was attached to the EC May meeting minutes. . We need a separate meeting to go over procedures, build competency and schedules for responding to grant opportunities. The formal wording for the procedures needs to be finalized. Morse, Brian, Sue and Mary will convene a meeting. Also we need a consolidated list of projects for grant applications and for potential EC student member involvement. **Action:** Brian will set up time and space for a meeting. The September EC meeting should have a half hour set aside for this topic. The EC should rationalize and prioritize the list. All members should send any lists of projects to Mary and Morse so we can start with a complete list of projects to prioritize. - Mary, Brian and Morse

6) **Planning Board Topics Pitney Farm Estates Update** on site planning by the developer and TRC meeting out come. Review of the Phase One Environmental Report - Janet

7) **Trail Stewards Program:** Updates, Brennan Reilly

8) **Eagle Scout projects updates:** Ethan Ryan, Jeremy Cavuto & Jeff Schryer - Brian

Follow Ups

1) Mike Van Clef, Mosele Program

2) **Student EC Members:** Last meeting for current members, we thank them for their participation and input on how to improve this relationship going forward.

3) Nitrate testing future build outs will be based on testing.

EC Notifications:

1) Partial Dredging of Sunrise Lake

2) Septic Repair 13 Browning Court

3) 78 Mountainside Road, Extension of transition area waiver from 2014

Future Programs & Issues

- 1) **Well Testing:** There is a reminder that October 26th will be when we do Well Testing. For 2019. We should give out this information with an article in the paper and/or informational Flyers at the library, town offices and retail establishments. **Action:** Mary has talk to Mara and obtained the existing information.
- 2) **Ash tree issues and implications for open space properties due to the Emerald Ash borer**
- 3) **Potential new members, Dave Goldstein- davegoldstein@msn.com, Soni Spice (and her daughter Arianna) – sonispice@gmail.com, Erica Park – eparke@mendhamtwp.org4 All will be invited to observe future EC meetings**
- 4) **Storm Water Management Program timing to be determined**
- 5) **Worms in Dismal Harmony?**

The Next EC meeting will be October 21st.