

Millburn Township Environmental Commission
Tuesday, January 23, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
Millburn Township Municipal Building 2nd Floor Small Conference Room

AGENDA

Members: René Linden Paparian (Chairperson), Bill Brazell, Debra Nevas, Priya Patel, Vanita Gangwal, Mark Robison, Elizabeth Vollavanh, Kristen Brasil, Abigail Packman

Township Committee Liaison: Deputy Mayor Frank Saccomandi

Secretary: Carolyn Scannelli

Commission Business:

- Open Public Meeting Statement:

This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6-10: 4-21. Notice of this meeting has been published in the Item of Millburn and Short Hills, and on TapInto Millburn/Short Hills as filed by the Environmental Commission and on the bulletin board at the Township of Millburn Town Hall

- Administration of Oath of Office to René Paparian, Vanita Gangwal & Bill Brazell
- Review Establishing Ordinance & Powers
- Annual Mission Statement
- ANJEC EC Self-Assessment Form
- Acceptance of December 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes
- EC Mail distributed for review
- Treasurer Report -
 - i. 2023 Budget remainder - \$424.00:
outstanding bill \$125.00 Odarka Stockert = reduction of designated funds for planters
 - ii. Temporary 2024 Budget: \$656.00 currently available = ¼ of total of \$2500.00 anticipated for EC after TC adoption of Twp's annual budget
 - iii. 2024 ANJEC annual dues: \$515.00
Bill submitted to Twp CFO

- iv. \$656 - \$515 = \$141 currently available budget funds until TC adoption of 2024 annual budget

Public Comment/Guests

Administrative Update

- 2024 meeting dates - additional meetings
- Action, Timelines & Communication
- TC Agendas/meetings & Planning Bd/Zoning Bd Agenda- Alerts
- Tours of WM recycling facility, Covanta waste-to-energy facility & WM CORE waste-to-gas facility
- Duties/projects for 2024 - process/expectations
- Founder's Day/Taylor Park 150th Anniversary - Environmental/CEDA Point Person
- Inter-Commissions/Bds communication & cooperation (C. Bambara)

Communication/Updates

- Millburn High School E-Club
- Rahway River Association
- Passaic River Coalition
- Millburn Twp Green Team

Planning Board Report

Zoning Board Report

Old Business

- Handbook
- Native Plant Resolution/Bamboo Ban Resolution
- Open Space Trust Fund: Sub-Committee
- Earth Day Event

New Business

- Gas Powered Leaf Blowers
- Twp-wide plastic bag/film collection
- Reducing twp waste
 - i. food

ii. recyclables

iii. trash

- Community Sustainability Plan
- EC pages on Twp website

- ANJEC requested resolutions
- Turnpike extension
- \$60 million budget cut proposal

Announcements/Events

- ANJEC training webinar Jan. 30 @ 7pm

Next MEC Meeting: February 13, 2024