

Meeting Called to Order.

Statement of Compliance.

Roll Call

Name	Present
Walter Deptuch	No
Jim Elling	Yes
Phil Maljevic	Yes
Celia Lane	No
Brielle Olshan	Yes
Barbara Vanderbeck	Yes
Karin Rosenthal	Yes

The minutes from the October 11th meeting were introduced. Tabled until the December meeting because there was not a quorum of NEC members at the October meeting on the call tonight who could approve them.

Discussion of agenda items

Budget

Barbara, Karin, and Brielle are on the budget subcommittee meeting and intend to:

See how we can make best use the remaining budget

Jim would like to explore initiatives focused on improving the water quality in town. Jim will do research on what is available.

Specific budget items discussed or suggested:

AmEx gift cards for interns as tokens of appreciation

Action: Phil to ask Jordan about the feasibility of this.

Scheduling a native plant workshop.

Holding a native plant sale, putting down a deposit now for the Spring.

Creating signs for the community garden.

Purchasing a picnic table for the community garden.

Possibly working with Closter Nature Center for next year.

Action: Jim will follow-up

We reviewed the initial planning document which contained proposed 6 month, 12, 18 and 24-month goals.

6-month plan

Composting workshops. We achieved this!

No on pooch paper. DPW installed plastic dog bags.

Clear Cutting Ordinance, new ordinance put together and presented to mayor and council.

Hikes every week.

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Two litter pickups.
No on trail maintenance.
No guide on native plants to Norwood and Northeastern NJ.

12-month plan
No on farmer's market
No movement on shade tree ordinance
No on community composting, we are thinking about ways to implement this locally.
Brielle discussed the topic with another EC head in a different town in NJ.
Sustainable Jersey was worked on by our interns, but not much movement.

18-month plan
Community Garden is done!

24-month plan
Greenway plan. No progress or movement.

Tree Preservation Update from Phil

Presented at the October M&C meeting. Members of the council agreed to send us questions and comments. We haven't received any comments or questions.

Action: Brielle will send a follow up to M&C.

Jim suggested we talk to Paul Haberman. *He will follow up with Paul.*

We reiterated that we are non-partisan and want to collaborate.

We discussed what might be a challenge on a difference of opinion of property rights.

We discussed potential challenges and how we might respond to them.

Phil will talk to Nina Pineda about her experience with the Clear-Cutting Ordinance and about possible collaborations on the passage of the Tree Preservation Ordinance.

Community Garden

This season has been very successful. What is still there are cold weather crops including herbs, lettuce, peas, kale, and chard.

The application process has been relayed from the DPW: Starting January 1st applications will be accepted and approved on a first come first served basis. *Action: Brielle to confirm the process for the Community plots, given their success this year and plans for even more community involvement next year.*

Partnerships with the Summit house and the valley program were very successful. They really enjoyed it and hope to participate again.

EV Charging ports

We presented this to the Mayor & Council.

Mayor Barsa suggested that he would like the NEC to connect with the new business owners on Livingston for a potential partnership. We have not heard back on this yet.

Action: Phil to email Mayor Barsa.

Note: The NJ BPU approved the Rockland and Orange electric grants.

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Earth Fair

Scheduled to be in Norwood this year.
Barbara has reached out to the school.
Barbara and Jim are working on this together.

NJ Forest Task Force

Brielle and Phil have been attending meetings.
The Task Force is hoping to be able to write up a report for Senator Smith, though it has been hard to achieve consensus on controversial topics such as wood removal, timber harvesting, deer management, and other things. This is an ongoing initiative.

Opened to the public. Motion by Phil, second by Karin. Unanimously approved.

No public comment.

Closed to the public. Moved by Phil, second by Karin. Unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned. Motion by Karin, second by Phil. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Phil Maljevic.