

WTEAC Minutes April 16, 2020

March Meeting Cancelled due to coronavirus.

Teleconference Meeting opened under the Sunshine Law at 7:05 p.m.

Attendance (Roll Call) by Secretary Ellen Smith

Present: Chairperson Wilma Morrissey, Vice Chair Bob Kilmurray, Secretary Ellen Smith, John Ozell, Joe Balesterri, Hance Sitkus, Scott Burke and Greg Wolek.

Absent: Township Committeeman Tim Farrell

Motion for February Minutes: Bob Kilmurray 2nd: Scott Burke

Wilma Morrissey thanked John Ozell for setting up the phone meeting

Sustainable Jersey Projects – June 14 new Deadline for Recertification projects. Progress to-date listed on Attachment for Sustainable Jersey. Ellen Smith has reached out to the Recreation Dept. for information to complete the Green Fair and Green A Green Fair actions. Wilma suggested someone do the Waste Audit for Community & School. Scott will take that action.

Green Business Recognition Program – On Hold during these uncertain times.

Submitted 9-11 Grant Memorial Interpretive Sign. Announcement was due out in early April but has been postponed.

NESE Pipeline - The committee is unanimously against the NESE pipeline.

Coronavirus Pandemic Living Memorial - A memorial in the future to honor those lost to COVID-19 was proposed. The Members were not in favor.

Wall Township Living article. Wilma Submitted an article in the April issue. Environmentally Yours: Facts on Single Plastic Bags, Choose Cloth Bags. This is the third article in the magazine. Ideas for future articles include promoting the Nature Trail and Wreck Pond as well as ideas about home gardening and composting.

Site Plans and Legal Notifications - completed by Bob. Neither have issues from an Environmental perspective.

Community Cleanup Day and Barnegat Bay Blitz - Wilma has emphasized that our main concern is the health and safety of all our members. All future clean ups will take our safety into account.

Attachments:

Cancellation of Poster, Poetry, and Essay Competitions and Ceremonies letter to schools

Facial Recognition Is Increasing and Masks Won't Stop It

Thank you letter to Public Works Director, Joseph Lentini, CPWM and Tarin Rhodes for the shirts provided to our WTEAC volunteers by the Clean Communities Program.

Letter of support from the WTEAC for West Belmar Elementary School on their aquaponic \$10,000 grant.

WTEAC letter of opposition to the NESE pipeline

Sustainable Jersey Project Updates

Why State Legislatures Should Go Virtual in a Time of Crisis

Adjournment - 8:36PM Motion to Adjourn Hance Sitkus 2nd Scott Burke

Prepared by Ellen Smith