

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF

OCTOBER 10, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Nardone. He announced that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Present: Pat Smith, John Nardone, Dale Schweitzer Lorraine Shourds, and Julie Gandy. Absent Jim D'Ambrosio, Amy Wright was unavailable via phone.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of March 10, 2020 by Pat seconded by Lorraine. Minutes approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

ANJEC: Julie reported NJ Lawmakers voted on the Plastic Pollution Reduction Act (A1978/S864) to implement a full ban on single-use plastic and polystyrene foam food service products. Large box stores will be banned from providing paper bags, while small business will be allowed to provide paper bags for free. Plastic straws will be made available at restaurants and bars by request only. It will take effect 18 months from the date the governor signs the bill. We have cloth bags that can be made available at the Township building.

Update on Well and Septic seminar. Via phone, InTouch Loomcharoen, Water Compliance Specialist with RCAP (Resources for Community and People) Solutions, Inc. recommended 3-hours. He will provide "Go to Training" zoom call. John suggested sometime in January 2021, preferably on a Saturday, time to be determined. If held on a week night the time could be 6-9pm, with two topics. His partner, from the University of Illinois, will speak on well maintenance. Participates should be limited to 20 to 30 since some don't show up. He recommended pre-program registration. Registrants will receive program package. He will remind registrants a week in advance, then the day of, then 1 hour before start time. John asked about speaking to the geology of the area. Intouch would have to gain more knowledge of this. We can ask Township Clerk to notify the residents through the phone system we have. Also put information on Township's web site and the Commission's facebook page, also notify surrounding Environmental Commissions. We should research if there is State funding for low income families for well and or septic maintenance.

Sustainability Jersey: Pat reported we need 150 points. We have 95. We have until November 22 to find out why our solar program was not approved. Pat will also contact them to find out if we could get more than 5 points for our plastic bag program since it was such a success. John recommended she find out about the solar first since without that we cannot reach 150 points.

Signs at Lake Audrey: John reported he contacted the office but they have not been open. Therefore, he has not printed the photos to send to them for approval.

John received information from CHARM (Community Health and Resource Management for a Resilience Workshop. (See three attachments). It is a 3 day zoom workshop. He registered but questions if attendance is required for all three days.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

Motion by Lorraine seconded by Dale to open the meeting to the public. Motion approved.

Seeing no one, a motion by Pat seconded by Lorraine to close the public portion. Motion approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

Motion by Dale seconded by Pat to adjourn. Motion approved at 7:50pm.

Respectively submitted,

Julie Gandy, Secretary

cc: Twp. Committee  
CTEC members