

Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2021 7:30pm Zoom Video Meeting

Commission Members Present:

Mimi Kaplan	Chris Capodanno
Nicholas Coppola	Allison Rankin
Marnie Vyff	Peter Smith
Jackie Bay	

Elizabeth Hirschfeld	Student Liaison
Dan Happer	Borough Council Liaison

1. Administration
December meeting minutes were approved
Dan Happer was welcomed as the 2021 BC liaison
2. Confirm 2021 Goals:
Assist DPW with Municipal Stormwater Ordinance update requirement March 2021/MS4.
Allison and Peter will liaise on this topic and check on compliance
It was agreed to review Noise Ordinances in ML, particularly related to Leafblowers, and some benchmarking will be conducted
3. Development
Discussion took place on Route 46 former Speedway Gas Station 60 US-46 and status of remediation on these and other key (brownfield) sites in the Borough.
At this point there is no reporting, and Allison will investigate while the Chair is checking with the Borough Manager.
4. Mountain Lakes Beautification
The discussion on planting on Route 46 was covered and updates on Roxbury practice of watering with less road closure costs
5. Liaison Updates
MLHS liaisons – Meeting is scheduled on the Botanical Garden at the HS. The HS Environmental Club is working on a video and article on recycling.

Planning Board

Park Lakes proposal to add paddle board courts will be reviewed at the next Planning Board meeting.

High View / Zeri's property development initial meeting took place and a second meeting is scheduled. Discussion took place if it is still possible to consider their sourcing water from other neighboring communities, which it was agreed should be directed by the Borough Manager

EDAC

Route 46 zoning plan is under review and opening dialog with existing business on their plans and open communications

Shade Tree – The Prune & Remove is taking place with JCP&L removals and public spaces. The Right of Way locations are being finalized.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm, next meeting scheduled for Feb 16, 2021 7:30pm