

Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting
Minutes – March 15, 2022

MLEC Members present: Mimi Kaplan, Chris Capodanno, Allison Rankin, Neeke Swart
MLHS Liaisons: Eric Lee
Guest: Margaret Berei
BC Liaison: Dan Happer

1. Administration
February Minutes were approved
2. Development Application Updates:

Zeri's Inn Development change – Home2Suites has pulled out and an application for a Public Storage Facility has been submitted in its place. Will form subcommittee to evaluate the application and submit comments to Planning Board by April 18th.

367 Bloomfield Ave Rt. 46 (Disabled Veterans Apartments) – Zoning Board approved the application.

10 Tower Hill Road (Auxiliary Bldg. for Craig School) – EC letter was submitted to DEP before deadline. Will be asking PB to look at past applications for this property, especially anything pertaining to the expansion of the parking lot. Chris will reach out to Cindy Shaw on the EC's and Shade Tree's behalf. Concern is for the setback to the wetlands that run almost right up to the current dirt parking area accessed from Laurel Hill Road.

3. ERI Update – carried on docket
4. Route 46 Planting Proposal – carried on docket
5. Pollution Prevention Control Committee
Meeting to take place with the DPW Doug Edler during week of 3/21 to discuss Stormwater (SW) Team requirements for 2022, shared Sunrise SW Maintenance Schedule package to be used as template for other recent development projects. Interest is to establish a bi-annual update on all SW system maintenance schedules to ensure that systems are being properly maintained. Allison will update at next meeting.
6. Green Amendment
Margaret will be fine tuning the content of the Green Amendment Resolution with Neeke for the MLEC to vote on whether or not to propose to the MLBC.
7. Commission Liaison Updates:

PB – Master Plan is being revised and Neeke will be a member on that committee. We all need to read through the ML Master Plan (available on the ML website under Planning Board – left column, Master Plan) to provide input.

Green Team – Community Clean-Up Day planned for 4/30. MLHS Liaisons to assist. Also planning an EV showcase sometime in the near future to educate the residents on electric vehicles. Planning announcements and reminders for residents regarding the Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban enacted on 5/4/2022. Creating tent cards to be placed on tables at restaurants reminding customers that straws won't be provided, except if requested and window clings for store/car windows to remind residents/customers to use their own bags.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm. Next meeting scheduled for April 19, 2022 @7:30pm via Zoom.