

**Minutes, Meeting of the Metuchen Environmental Commission
November 19, 2014**

2014	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
	15	19	19	16	21	18	20	17	22	19
M. Herzberg, Chair	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
D. Rasmussen, Liaison	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
A. Dohl	P	P	A	P	A	A	A	P	P	P
J. Schaffer	P	P	A	P	P	M	A	M	P	M
B. Weeks	P	P	P	A	P	P	M	P	P	P
B. Strom	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
D. Hirsch, Planning Bd.	P	A	A	A	P	A	P	P	M	N
S. Burke	N	N	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A

Key: P=Present, A=Absent, Gray Box or where M is indicated = Minutes Assigned/Taken, N=Not a Member.

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes of October meeting

Approved

Correspondence

NJDEP bulletin: One issue with nothing for Metuchen.

Letter from County Mosquito Commission was received related to a 5-year FWGP15, various Water Management Projects.

Middlesex Greenway

Nothing New

Borough Energy Audit

Brian spoke with Tristate about options. Direct install fits a niche. Other items in audit not eligible. Sustainable NJ money is not available for programs if other money is. Smart start program is strict regarding equipment, buildings, and design parameters.

Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program application due February 1, 2015. Grants available up to \$10,000, \$2000 grants available for non-project specific applications. There was a discussion of options, including hiring an intern, education and outreach, holding a Green Fair, or funding a Natural Resource Inventory update.

Dismal Swamp

Nothing new

Recycling

Nothing New

Sustainable Jersey

Additional points are required to make minimum certification level.

Text updates are needed for several entries.

Community and School Gardens (requires lesson plan and Borough support, not enough time to make submission deadline)

Innovative Community Projects: Tree Farm and Crosswalk Flags

Also discussed were: Municipal Worker programs (i.e. Wellness)

Tree Farm

Nothing new

Open space inventory

Nothing new

Planning Board

No report.

New business

None.

Next meeting

Wednesday January 21st, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joseph Schaffer