Montclair Environmental Commission May Meeting Minutes - Final
May 1, 2024 at 7:00pm

Meeting at the Municipal Building in the Second Floor Conference Room


Approval April 2024 Minutes

Yes: 6  No: 0  Abstain: 1

Reports/Updates (input/decision/action needed or action completed)

- Master Plan re-examination input:
  - In latest version: added a stormwater element recommendation and updated recycling rates; included tonnage.
  - Vote to pass recommendation to Planning Board:
    - Yes: 6  No: 0  Abstain: 1

- Draft ordinance restricting single-use accessories, food service businesses:
  - Update the language so very clear what is allowed and prohibited
  - Add a grace period for implementation
  - Get businesses input as a next step so they are not on the defensive
  - Vote to advance ordinance to Council. Suzanne will work on clarifying the language, and circling back, before it goes to Council.
    - Yes: 6  No: 0  Abstain: 1

- Edgemont pond dredging:
  - Pond needs dredging. It has not been dredged in several years, despite several requests from the community.
  - Imke will email DPW about dredging the pond.
  - A next step can be to explore grant funding for this project if needed.

- Orange Road site plan
  - Already completed.

- Admin items and bylaws update
  - By-Laws: Vote to accept by-laws with final edits.
    - Yes: 6  No: 0  Abstain: 1
  - Ruchi will consider taking on role of Secretary.
  - Bill will take on role of Vice Chair.

Next Meeting: June 5, 2024 at 7:30pm
Upcoming Local Environmental Events:

- May 4 Montclair Shred Fest
- May 4 Essex County Hazardous Waste Day
- May 2-4 Montclair History Center herb sale
- May 3-4 Iris Garden Plant Sale
- May 3-5 Van Vleck Plant Sale
- May 18 Montclair electronics recycling
- May 18 New Jersey Bike and Walk Summit