

Montclair Environmental Commission Meeting Draft Minutes

April 2 2025 at 7:30pm

In attendance: Suzanne Aptman (Chair),
Keith Brodock, Imke Oster, Gray Russell,
Lisa Johnson (Township Liaison), Deputy
Mayor Susan Shin Andersen

Approval of minutes – postponed to next meeting

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

- Municipal community solar program – Council HHS committee is in full support after the meeting with Gabel Associates. The next step is for the committee and township attorney to review the contract and resolution enabling a) Gabel Associates as the township consultant and b) RFP process or a solar developer.
- Climate vulnerability assessment – MEC members reviewed and discussed in detail the draft recommendations for the Planning Department and Planning Board to consider while finalizing the assessment. Next steps: Suzanne will forward the MEC recommendation document to Director Talley once edits are incorporated. MEC will work on recommendations to amend the current steep slope ordinance.
- [New Jersey invasive species management bill](#) – This bill has strong possibility of passing in the NJ state legislature before the summer. Imke will send an email with MEC's support for this legislation to our state legislators.
- Undercliff road property – MEC discussed an idea where Essex County would take advantage of Green Acres matching funding to buy-back this property. It would add 5 acres or so to Eagle Rock Reservation. Next step: Suzanne will propose the idea to the developer's attorney on behalf of the MEC.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2025 at 7:30pm