

Montclair Environmental Commission Meeting Draft Minutes

July 9, 2025 at 7:30pm

Type of Meeting: Monthly

Present: Suzanne Aptman (Chair), Keith Brodock, Mac Carbonnell, Ruchi Misra (Secretary), Gray Russell, Alison Tribus, Lisa Johnson, Deputy Mayor Shin Andersen

Approval of minutes

May Minutes: Yes - 5 No - 0 Abstain - 1

June Minutes: Yes - 4 No - 0 Abstain - 2

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

- Draft steep slopes ordinance review
 - Reviewed MEC's proposed steep slope ordinance draft in detail. Goal is to strengthen the current Montclair steep slope ordinance in light of increasing rainfalls and stormwater management demands in these vulnerable locations.
 - MEC will send draft to the Planning Department/Town Engineer for review. Draft will be reviewed by the Planning Board before going to Council Committee for review.
- Municipal Community Solar Program RFP
 - Pre-RFP work is underway to determine the number of Low to moderate income households (LMI) that can be accessed for auto-enrollment. This is a requirement of the RFP process with solar developers. Once determined, the RFP soliciting solar developer bids can be developed.
 - Discussed some of the pros and cons of different allocation of kilowatt scenarios.
- Packaging Product Stewardship Act
 - Discussed state legislation requiring manufacturers to reduce plastic packaging and toxic chemicals in packaging.
 - MEC will draft a letter of support and send to key legislators.
- C-PACE program
 - Lisa explained the benefits of this loan program to small businesses as well as the clean energy benefits. Council is voting on a resolution to move this program forward.

Next Meeting: September 10, 2025 at 7:30pm