

Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes January 19, 2020

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, this meeting is being conducted on Zoom. Chairperson Kathleen Caccavale called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT:

“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting of the Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee (SMAC) Meeting was provided by transmitting a copy of the meeting notice to the Madison Eagle and Morris County Daily Record, posting a copy on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the Hartley Dodge Memorial, and filing a copy in the office of the Clerk. This notice was made available to members of the general public.”

The following members acknowledged their presence:

Kathleen Caccavale, Chairperson/Regular Member

Peter Fried, Resident/Regular Member

Lisa Jordan, Resident/Regular Member

Joan Maccari, MEC Representative/Regular Member

Marilyn Musielski, Resident/Regular Member

Angelique Devost, Resident/Regular Member

John Hoover, Borough Council Liaison/Regular Member

Sarah Fischer, School Board Representative/Regular Member

Judy Honohan, Shade Tree Commission Representative/Regular Member

Guest:

Claire Whitcomb, Chair Madison Environmental Commission (MEC)

New members were introduced and shared their interests. Judy shared that she is involved in the Madison Shade Tree Commission. She has been a resident for 16 years. Sarah Fischer is the new board liaison from the school board. John Hoover is the new borough council liaison.

December minutes were unanimously approved. Minutes will be submitted to Rosenet.

Kathi reviewed the slides that she shared at the borough council meeting last December, as a way to introduce new members to Sustainable Madison activities.

She also shared action items that will be considered and/or updated for 2021. These include: enhanced stormwater management control, historic preservation, complete and green streets, natural (environmental) resource inventory (due 2022), community-led solar initiatives, municipal on-site solar system, make your town electric vehicle friendly, diversity on boards and

commissions, climate action plan, green cleaning products, lead education and outreach, and the community water story.

The first deadline for submitting actions to Sustainable Jersey is June 6th this year. Kathi guided us through the Sustainable Jersey website (<https://www.sustainablejersey.com/>) to demonstrate the process of applying for actions.

Claire shared an update on MEC initiatives. The MEC is working to engage more with site plan approvals. The Green Vision Forum will be March 24th. Another townwide yard sale, in coordination with Chatham, is being planned for April. The MEC plans to advance climate change education this year.

Sarah shared about the Madison High School internship program, guided by Chris Monaco, which may be an opportunity for Sustainable Madison and the Madison Environmental Commission. Claire recalled that ANJEC (Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions) suggested having student members or associate members on the environmental commission.

Kathi guided us through the Sustainable Madison tracking spreadsheet. Actions that need leadership and work include:

- Community Education & Outreach (PF/JM) - Peter requested ideas for completing this action - Claire suggested including the EV event
- Diversity on Boards and Commissions (LJ) - LJ will coordinate with JH on next steps
- Lead Education and Outreach (LJ) - will update this fall
- Vulnerable Population Identification for Emergencies (MM)
- Energy Tracking and Management (PF - updates)
- Municipal On-site Solar (PF)
- Fleet Inventory (PF - will update)
- Make Your Town Electric Vehicle Friendly; Meet Target for Green Fleets (PF will read the action)
- LJ agreed to read the Green Development Checklist and Light Pollution Policy.
- JH will update the tree maintenance action.
- AD agreed to update several waste initiatives.

Peter provided an update on regional environmental initiatives: North Jersey Sustainability Municipal Alliance.

National Memorial of Unity and Remembrance for COVID-19 victims, tonight at 5:30pm, at the Hartley Dodge Memorial.

The next SMAC meeting will be on February 16 at 1:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Jordan.