

Montclair Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2023 at 7:30pm

Meeting at Town Hall in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Type of Meeting: Monthly

Facilitator: Ben Rich

Note Taker: Ben Rich

Voting Commissioners: Suzanne Aptman
(Co-Chair), Ben Rich (Co-Chair), Keith
Brodock, Imke Oster, Janine Salvador
(Webmaster)

Alternate Commissioners: Mac Carbonnell,

Excused: Bill Martens

Township Liaison: Lisa Johnson

Township Council Liaison: Councilor Lori
Price-Abrams

Call the meeting to order: Time 7:35

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was published on the Montclair Township website home page, Montclair Local annually and, Montclair Environmental Commission website.

7:30 - Call the meeting to order, Welcome & Introductions - Ben Rich

7:31 - Approval Nov and Dec 2022 Minutes - Ben Rich

- November minutes: 6 yea, 0 nay, 0 abstain
- December minutes: 3 yea, 0 nay, 3 abstain (NOTE: only 3 members were present at this meeting)

7:33 - Reports/Updates (input/decision/action needed or action completed)

- Sustainable Jersey update
 - Montclair earned [Sustainable Jersey](#) Silver level recognition for the first time!
 - Great work Suzanne, Keith, and Janine!

7:40 - Presentation - Gary Obszarny

- Montclair Water Information: Pollutants and stormwater
 - 3 water pressure zones in Montclair due to elevation changes
 - During summer we get more water from our wells
 - 2 of 3 wells have carbon filters to reduce regulated PFAS to undetectable levels. 3rd well will have carbon filters installed this year.
 - Public should report the smell of sewage to Gary Obszarny at GObszarny@MontclairNJUSA.org or by calling the Water Bureau and Sewer Utility
 - For water billing questions call: 973-509-4924 / 4925
 - For sewer billing questions call: 973-509-4977, 4921
 - Leaky sanitary sewer pipes are being fixed each year.
 - Water lines are being upgraded to avoid root intrusions.

8:45 - Presentation - Lisa Johnson, Montclair Environmental Affairs Coordinator

- Fixing EV charging stations in parking lots and installing new charging stations in the new parking deck.
- Working to add green space in a plot along Bloomfield Ave near Mission Street and New st
- When Township needs a new vehicle, planning to purchase electric vehicles for official Township business

9:00 - Reorganization - Yea - 6, Nay - 0

- Meeting schedule for 2023
February 1
March 1
April 5
May 3
June 7
July 5
September 6
October 4
November 1
December 6

9:02 - Miscellaneous public comment

- Montclair Climate Action shared that they are interested in working with the MEC when the Climate Action Plan is released.
- A citizen asked whether we would provide comment about the Lackawanna Plaza Development. We confirmed that we plan to do that.

Adjournment 9:04pm Next Meeting: February 1, 2023