

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

**PRESENT:** Eric Allen (Chair), Christy Cheever (Vice Chair), Doug Shaw, Jim Mansfield, Barry Fetterolf, William Birnes, John Francis (Liaison) and Christine Terranova (Administrator)

**ABSENT:** Hope Blaythorne

**I. OPENING OF MEETING**

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Upon a Motion by Jim Mansfield, seconded by Bill Birnes, the meeting minutes for August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were approved with corrections.**

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS -- None**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS -- None**

**V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Ready for 100** (Jim Mansfield)

Mr. Mansfield gave a brief update on the progress of the Clean Energy Planning Series that includes approximately 75 participants from 13 township and borough and 4 counties. It is a two-part program which included literacy webinars for six weeks in July and August, and then CEP series from August through November which includes seventeen weekly sessions. The topics will include meeting techniques, organizing a leadership team, creating a community vision, identify and contacting stakeholders, creating an energy profile, using the energy profile to assess strategies, goal setting, energy procurement and production options, in depth on transportation and efficiency options.

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Liaison Francis stated that he would have to leave the meeting and asked if there were any issues that anyone would need to discuss before he had to leave.

Mr. Fetterolf inquired about the progress on the odor and visible oil spots seen in the Limeport/Canal Park area. He asked what the progress has been in working with Shell Oil to address the issue. Mr. Francis said that Covid has delayed the progress, and he would report back to EAC with an update on any further action that may have taken place.

Chair Allen requested to put "Tuscarora Oil Spill" as an agenda item for next month, and to have Barry Fetterolf as the lead.

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### **Rules & Regulations** (Doug Shaw)

Mr. Shaw stated he had nothing to report at this time but was waiting to hear back from Mark Baum Baicker at this time.

### **Wild Area Stewardship/Tree City** (Hope Blaythorne)

Ms. Blaythorne was absent from the meeting.

### **Plastic Regulation and Recycling** (Christy Cheever)

Ms. Cheever attended a panel discussion with Penn Environment on recycling solutions. There did not appear to be much public awareness concerning plastic recycling and that the State Representatives are pushing for a policy as well as a legislative solution to this issue, but no direct action has been given at this time.

Mr. Allen also attended the panel discussion and felt there was still no suggestion(s) on how to handle the recycling for a positive change.

It was noted to go back to the plastic companies to provide a solution to resolve the plastics recycling. Ms. Cheever presented the following list to the committee from Break Free From Plastic.org regarding recycling:

- Global movement envisioning a future free from plastic pollution
- Ways to get involved and take action
  1. Corporate campaigning
    - Greenpeace toolkits

- Plastic Pollution Coalition's petition to #calloutcoke
- Recycling Network's return to sender toolkit
- 2. Going for zero waste
  - BFFP's Reusable PPE Campaign
  - Plastic Pollution Coalition's plastic-free events
- 3. Pushing for policy
  - Greenpeace's toolkit for lobbying for a single-use ban in your community
  - Surfriders plastic bag law activist toolkit
- 4. Culture hacking
  - Global Week of Action
  - Greenpeace's Plastic-Free Future Campaign
- 5. Stopping the petrochemical buildout
  - Food & Water Watch's petition to ban fracking
  - Center for Biological Diversity's petition to demand action on plastic pollution from the EPA
- 6. Enabling campuses to go plastic-free
  - Movement that urges school campuses to go entirely plastic-free
- Campaign of the month: Brand Audit 2020
  1. Local citizen science initiative
  2. Involves collecting and counting branded plastic waste products at a local clean-up, and then sending the data and/or products back to the producer, requesting a change.

Mr. Shaw raised the question of how to increase awareness in Solebury Township to make people aware of what they need to know and how to recycle to today's standards.

Mr. Fetterolf suggested that the trash companies circulate flyers for awareness on recycling to educate people on the process.

Ms. Cheever said she has signed up for a seminar at Bennington College that covers plastics legislation policy and where to start when drafting a plastics policy.

### **Deer Management** (Eric Allen)

Chair Allen has gathered information from two organizations that will do censuses regarding deer management within a community by aerial view by drone. If the Board of Supervisors choose to use one of the organizations it most likely would not happen until after hunting season and the leaves are down which would be January or February of 2021.

Mr. Mansfield mentioned that the Board of Supervisors are working on the 2021 budget at this time and want to make sure that the cost is calculated in next year's budget.

**Cold-Tar-Based Sealcoat** (Barry Fetterolf)

Mr. Fetterolf gave a brief explanation on cold-tar-based sealcoat to the committee. Cold-tar-based sealant contains polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). The tar-base sealants are used mainly in the eastern part of the US and not good for the environment or human health. The western area of the US uses an asphalt emulsion topic which works better than a tar-based sealant. Several jurisdictions and several suburbs have banned use of cold-tar-based sealcoat throughout the country.

Chair Allen requested that Mr. Fetterolf put his presentation and comments into a one-page synopsis to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for review and opinion.

**VI. Public Comment**

None

**VII. Adjournment**

Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Christine Terranova  
EAC Administrator  
Solebury Township