

Agenda for the Environmental Commission 7:00 PM September 17, 2018, Rich Cotter Chair

Morse Willkenfeld is now the official replacement for Ralph Rhodes, Welcome and Congratulations

1) Approval of the Minutes from our June Meeting – All Present

1a) Noreen provided the EC Minutes for the June meeting. **Congratulations** are in order for her recent marriage.

2) The EC should decide how the Township should recognize Ralph Rhodes for his years of valuable service to Mendham Township - Rich

3) Trail Stewards Program Update, Success at Burnett Brook, loop trail

Buttermilk Falls, Calais to Wood Duck Pond, and Combs Hollow to Frog Pond and lower trail to falls, Meadowood Park, loop trail, Tempe Wick, most of trail (except portion at rear of property, in the woods, awaiting DPW to cut away downed trees) Reblazed 90% of Meadowood Park loop trail in one (CW) direction and 10% of opposite (CCW) direction. - Brian

4) New Leadership report for the Trail Stewards program – Brian is looking to transfer responsibilities, which include picking trail sites, reporting to DPW, making a schedule for the stewards, communicating with stewards, and getting supplies and equipment. - Brian

5) Follows up to a joint EC/Schiff's stream crossing on the Patriots Path connector trail to Schiff's; The Borough has put in some cylindrical stones on Patriot's Path (Ironia Road). A similar model could be used. To get more information on this model, Rich will get in touch with the Borough's EC, John and/or Brian will contact individuals from the county, and Alex will ask Schiff's board member from the Borough. Schiff's can commit to giving volunteers and scouts to take on river maintenance. With these tasks completed accomplished we now need to work with Shiffs on the execution. - - Rich, John, Brian & Alex

6) Parks and Recreation Committee progress on the Ralston Playground & The outcome of the summer at Brookside Beach as a camp beach with township residents free during the week and \$5.00 on week ends (June 25th – August 12th) - John - Amalia

7) Open Space Issues, Mosle Reserve invasive species study and eventual removal, study Updates? -Rich

8) Updating Township Master Plan Report on the joint township planning board meeting on June 26th at 7 pm and follow up - .Janet, Amalia

9) Treasure's Report: - Budget - Property Deeds - Sue is taking care of these, but will not be able to attend the EC for September or October. She will also keep us informed on budget issues. The EC is currently supporting some material costs for approved Eagle Scout Projects.

10) Eagle, Gold and Silver Awards Scout Projects, Any other scout plans submitted Ethan Ryan? – Brian

11) Fourth of July EC/ Schiff Event, report– Pamela

12) Working Relationship with Mendham EC, ongoing recent Brought Agenda & minutes distributed – Rich

13) Development of high School Interns for the EC committee Looking for a member to volunteer to make this happen – All- Amalia

14) Great Swamp Watershed Association Water Quality Report. Noreen & Rich

15) Raritan River Water Quality Committee, Testing results for the Township requested

16) Electron Recycling Now Available at the DPW - Rich

17) Formation of Township Pitney Park Committee. Rich, Amilia

EC Notifications:

Septic Repair: 1) 66 West Main Street, 2) 51 Corey Lane

Future Issues & Events:

1) October Well Testing Event October 6th, EC needs volunteers?

EC Vacation no Meetings for July and August. EC will communicate via e-mail if issues arise. Opinion on EC summer vacation period? - All