

MENDHAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Presented by Martin Slayne, Chair

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EC Charter 2020

The Mendham Township Environmental Commission provides support and drives projects for Mendham Township and the Mendham Township Committee, on environmental matters of community impact, sustainability and information sharing.

Main areas of work include open space, trails and maintenance, building and planning impact assessment, water quality and management, waste and recycling, advisory and educational information on local flora and fauna, and other issues to promote the sustainability of our local environment.

Mendham Township Environmental Commission

Structured Progress 2021



2020 Highlights

PRIORITIES	ACHIEVEMENTS	RESOURCE/ PARTNER
Open Space & Trails (high use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Space & Trails Review - Signage & Maintenance Report, 3-year plan 6 trail head/ reserve signs produced Walking Easement evaluation – 2021 plan Report: DPW Service & Project Support Needs - for access and safety Buttermilk Falls/ India Brook – support on misuse of site, thro’ Summer Voluntary clean-ups, trail-clearing, blazing, projects (limited/ Covid) 	<i>DPW, Mendham Borough collaboration on Trail Stewardship + Student project DPW, submitted to TC MT Team Ad hoc scout and volunteer support</i>
Planning & Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed ground water/ nitrate report, Princeton Hydro; updated MT building-use maps; conserved buildings, easements Pitney Park working group representation Ad hoc notifications and questions from residents/ Env. Impact 	<i>Supported Masterplan Sub-committee</i>
Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well-water testing, Nov 14 – advertised, handed out/ received test kits - micro, chem, phys checks on quality and safety Ground water/ nitrate dilution and historical studies review 	<i>Raritan Headwaters</i>
Waste/ Recycling/ Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Styrofoam recycling event, Jan 11 - recycled instead of landfill RTS Recycling webinar, July 14 	<i>Borough host + Foam Pack Industries MT Library host</i>
Flora & Fauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ‘Birding in Mendham’ education Webinar, July 16 Spotted Lantern Fly pest advisories – awareness/ actions 	<i>NJ Audubon Raritan Headwaters</i>
Other initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current on State initiatives – stormwater ordinance, plastics, climate Meadowood Guided Hike, September 20 1st Annual Fall Photography Competition launched – approx. 200 entries Community Garden support 	<i>ANJEC Partnership Recreation Comm. host Mendham Neighbors, MT Library Student Project</i>

Thanks to EC Team 2020

- **Members:**

Richard Cotter (Chair until June)

Martin Slayne (Chair from June)

Kylie Bailin (joined November)

Brian Boden (departed Dec)

Mary Calabro

Janet DeMeo

John Mallon

Sue Schmerler

Martin Slayne

Heather Tokarz

Morse Wilkenfeld

- **Township Committee Representative:**

Amalia Duarte

- **Student members:**

Lauren Shrem (2019-2020 school year)

Ethan Posner (2019-2021 school years)

Matthew Borinshteyn (2020-2021 school year)

- **Support - MT Clerk:**

Maria Coppinger

2021 EC Goals

PRIORITIES	GOALS	RESOURCE	TIMING
Open Space & Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Signage installation (5 + 5), Kiosks (4), Trail Maps Walking Easements – communicate, clear 5 Buck Hill – prepare & open as wildlife area Voluntary trail work, clean-ups 	DPW availabilities; Eagle scouts DPW DPW, NJ Audubon advice Volunteers	Spring/ summer
Planning & Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify science on ground water, nitrate reports EC advice for New Developments (St John's) Conservation zone info for home-sales 	Princeton Hydro, Masterplan sub-committee, Planning Board Township Admin.	Spring Ad hoc
Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring stream clean-up Well-water testing 	Raritan Headwaters Raritan Headwaters	April 17 November TBD
Waste/ Recycling/ Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Styrofoam recycling events Recycling webinar Clean energy, solar power education New Environmental Project development 	Borough, DPW Morris Municipal Utilities Authority Energy providers, webinar Tonnage grant	January 9, June TBD February 11 Summer Ongoing
Flora & Fauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Native/ invasive plant education, webinar Native Planting: Tempe Wick Reserve; Community Garden Birdlife education: 'World Series of Birding' event Investigate wildlife and butterfly certification schemes 	NJ Plant Expert (Deb Ellis), MT Library Expert Guidance TBD Student project NJ Audubon NWF, NABA	April 7 May 8 Spring/Summer
Other Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicating EC issues - web, soc. media Keep current on State initiatives Fall Photography Exhibition 2020 + Competition 2021 Ad hoc misc. support and guidance for the community 	MT web; Instagram Student project ANJEC Partnership Mendham Neighbors, MT Library, Print Sponsor	Spring Ongoing April, October

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RESOURCE 2021

Key Partnerships & Collaborators:

- **Township Office**
Budget/ Admin support
- **DPW**
Open space, trails, easements, maintenance
- **ANJEC**
State actions, ordinances, education and training
- **Raritan Headwaters**
Water quality, environmental impact issues
- **Morris County/ Municipal Utilities Authority**
Recycling

- **TC Committees**
Planning Board, Recreation, Tree Protection, Historic Preservation, Wildlife...
- **MT Library**
Informative events and entertainment
- **NJ Audubon**
Birdlife education & awareness
- **Ad Hoc Experts**
Recycling, Native Plants, Wildlife, Butterflies
Solar/ Clean Energy... webinars
- **Mendham Borough Partners**
- **Volunteers!**