

GLEN ROCK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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AGENDA - Meeting of WEDNESDAY November 15, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEMBERS

Ben Meyer Scott King Elaine Silverstein
Michelle Tyler Amy Martin (Council Liaison)

GREC Alternates: Sara Froikin-Gordon, Candy Hall

Green Team: Teresa Gilbreath, Jessica Caron

Shade Tree Advisory Committee: Elaine Silverstein, Candy Hall

Guests: Sylvia Rabacchi, Ken Jones, David Lindley, Lesley Elton, Michael Faherty, Mike Shetler, Tom Marcyes, David Lindley, Stephanie Brennan, Ed Morley, Mary & Martin Sutherland, Laura Occhipinti, Arati Kreibich.

<u>Agenda Topic</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Key Points</u>
Minutes approval	All	Minutes of September 2023 meeting to be approved.
New GREC members	All	Any residents interested in environmental issues are invited to apply to join GREC.
Leaf Blower Ordinance	Silverstein	Discussion of a possible ordinance to regulate the use of leaf blowers, including examining existing ordinances in other municipalities.
Green Business Recognition	Tyler	Review of application from Gianella's.
Food Waste Composting	Hall/Lindley	Update on Bergen Hub Food Waste Compost Committee meeting.

UPDATES

Shade Tree discussion Sub-Committee Update from shade tree sub-committee of STAC and GREC.

SJ Certification	Meyer	<p>Planning and discussions for SJ certification activities will be done with selected reviews in this meeting and other conferences in small groups.</p> <p>Prescription drug safety and disposal (10): we got in 2021.</p> <p>Fleet Inventory (10) – we had in 2018, not in 2021.</p>
Environmental Commission	Rabacchi	Environmental Commission/Green Team (10)-RES & NARRATIVE POSTED
Green Dev. checklist	King	Green Development Checklist (10). Submitted the Green Development Checklist approved by GREC to the Planning Board for consideration, and submit ordinance update to M&C.
Community Solar	Hall/Meyer	<p>Update on Community Solar, with material for web hosting and outreach.</p> <p>Municipally Supported Community Solar (10) REQUIREMENTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A municipal resolution—RES PASSED 9/13/23 2. Webpage (on GREC page) 3. Two additional outreach efforts
Electric Vehicles	Jones	<p>Purchase Alternative Fuel Vehicles (10) REQUIREMENTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acquire one plug-in fully electric vehicle.-DONE 2. Upload a copy of the current vehicle registration-UPLOADED <p>Make Your Town Electric Vehicle Friendly (15) REQUIREMENTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Model Statewide Municipal EV Ordinance. -DONE 2. Update the Land Use Ordinance -DONE 3. First Responder EV and EVSE Training -? 4. Perform one of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Post permitting application process on municipal website. b. Post inspection process on municipal website. c. Amend municipal master plan to incorporate EVSE.
Energy Efficiency	Hall	<p>Discussion on SJ/PSE&G partnership program and grant (10).</p> <p>Update from the energy efficiency sub-committee on residential, commercial, municipal campaigns (Hall, Silverstein, Tyler, Caron).</p> <p>Emergency communication planning? – had this action in 2021</p> <p>Recycling and Waste reduction ed and compl? (15): we had this in 2021</p>
Plastic-Free Glen Rock	Tyler	<p>Green Business Recognition Program (10) REQUIREMENTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish criteria for participation and a marketing strategy to recognize participants.--DONE

2. The program may be structured as a general program for all businesses or targeted at a specific business sector (i.e. restaurants).
3. To be eligible for points, the municipality must serve as a partner in project development and implementation.
4. The program may be administered directly by the municipality or through other organizations, such as the local Chamber of Commerce.
5. A minimum of two businesses must be participating and receive an award. –RECEIVED APPLICATION FROM GIANELLA’S.
6. Recognition of the businesses receiving an award by the Borough Council.

INNOVATIVE PROJECT n3 (10)

The new water refill stations & ask for a 5th install at train station.

Arts Council

Martin, Silverstein

Update on Arts Council activities that may be eligible for SJ points.

Establish a Creative Team (10). (*Alcove, Arts Council (Movies, EV chargers, calendar).*)

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Submit a Report which:
 - a. Defines the “purpose or role” of the Creative Team.
 - b. Identifies team members (see SJ)
 - c. Describes the structure of the Team (see SJ)
 - d. Describes the geographic area covered by your Creative Team (see SJ)
 - e. Summarizes the Creative Team’s past and planned activities the current or previous calendar year.
2. Upload the resolution, ordinance, or meeting minutes that substantiate how and when the Creative Team was established.

Creative Assets Inventory.(10)

Pre-Requisite: Establish a Creative Team

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Provide a short narrative in the text box (300 words maximum) describing your efforts to complete the Creative Assets Inventory.
2. Upload the completed CAI in text, map or spreadsheet form (see SJ)..
3. Upload documentation of significant stakeholder involvement (see SJ).

Video Project

Caron (Josephine)

Update on video project

Styrofoam recycling

Martin

Update in plans for the Glen Rock DPW to use the Ridgewood densifier and schedule 4 Styrofoam recycling collections per year; next on 1/6.

Planning Board update

King, Meyer

Update on any environmental aspects of Planning Board applications from sub-committee.

Nabisco demolition

All

Update on latest status

PUBLIC COMMENT

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