

**Environmental Commission Minutes
Town of Belvidere
Warren County, New Jersey
December 6, 2018**

Tammy Koop opened the meeting of the Belvidere Environmental Commission at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and read the following notice in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice filed with the Star Gazette and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Belvidere Town Hall, 691 Water Street, Belvidere, NJ.

Roll Call:

Present: Patricia Butler, Carolyn Cerbone, Andreas Eisenberger, Tammy Koop, Elizabeth Merring

Absent: Justin Lutz, Calvin Thompson

Other attendees: Walt Tutka, Council Liaison

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Carolyn Cerbone, seconded by Patricia Butler and carried to adopt the September 27, 2018 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Patricia Butler, seconded by Carolyn Cerbone and carried to adopt the October 25, 2018 meeting minutes.

Previous Business:

Roadway cleanup with Americorps NJ Watershed Ambassador Program was cancelled on November 17, 2018 due to snowstorm. Discussion to reschedule in the spring. John Snyder, DPW Director, has confirmed he will provide gloves and trash bags for the event as well as access to dumpster.

Discussion on Clean Communities. Nancy Mason was in attendance and explained what is and is not allowed, litter clean up, education on why not to litter are allowable, bulk waste is not allowed. Grant administration is through the state. Will need further discussion about if BEC can take over administering the grant.

Discussion on Green Team, who can be a member, what responsibilities would be, best to have diverse group of including business owners, residents, town council members, commission members and school employees and to make it sustainable. Interest expressed by a town business. Carolyn Cerbone will continue to work on getting Green Team members and will report back.

New Business:

Discussion on 2019 budget. Tammy Koop and Calvin Thompson are working on putting one together.

Discussion on 2019 goals. Carolyn Cerbone suggested two lectures, two events and one cleanup a year. She also proposed working on ordinance for pesticide /herbicide use in town. Questions about safety of spraying retention ponds.

Tammy Koop will email Teresa about previous by laws and report back. Adoption of by laws was encouraged by ANJEC at workshop in November.

Kalvin Thompson is working on the 2018 Annual Report.

January 24, 2019 was agreed upon as the next meeting date.

Public Comment:

Nancy Mason discussed Green Team, Clean Community Grant. She also provided history of previous BEC activities and encouraged getting the schools involved.

A motion was made by Carolyn Cerbone, seconded by Patricia Butler and carried to adjourn the meeting of the BEC..

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Koop
Belvidere Environmental Commission Chair