

**Montclair Environmental Commission Agenda – May 13, 2015**  
**Montclair Municipal Bldg. 205 Claremont Avenue**

**Type of Meeting:** Regular, Monthly  
**Facilitator(s):** Lyle Landon & Corliss Sprung  
**Note Taker:** Alternating Members  
**Voting Attendees:** Lyle Landon (Co-Chair), Corliss Sprung (Co-Chair), James Sherman, Barbara Hedeem, Jerry Fried, Deborah Ellis, Keith Brodock (Planning Board/MEC Liaison), Siobhan McCarthy (Alternate #2)  
**Non-Voting Attendee:** Gray Russell (Township Liaison)

**Introductions, Announcements, and Guests:** Stephen Schuckman, Arborist

**Acceptance of last meeting minutes**

**Announcements:**

- Green Film Series – Selection TBD Thursday May 21, 6:30 PM Montclair Library
- Tues. May 19<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting. ALL try to attend to support Community Energy Aggregation program – final discussions with RFP winner Gabel & Associates. This is to vet the program before committing.
- Sat. May 30 9 AM – 1 PM Shred Fest
- Bullock School – June 6 Green Fair
- Waste Focus Groups – July 7, 8 & 9 at MSU (Rutgers PhD candidate Raysa Martinez Kruger) – Siobhan coordinating
- Rising Tide: NJ Council for the Humanities to support a program on "What we can learn from the Dutch and their relationship with Water" in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. If grant is funded will take place Oct. & Nov. 2015.

**Outreach Activity Last Month:**

- Green Film Series - Open Sesame: The Story of Seeds, Thursday, April 16, 6:30 PM Montclair Library
- Tree Giveaway - Sat. April 11 Edgemont Park 9 AM – Noon
- Lenape Trail Walking Tour Historical Society/Mahu/MEC – DE, LL
- Thurs. Apr. 16 – UMBA meeting at St. James Library – MEC presentation 9:30 – 9:45 AM JF
- SunSmart Ribbon cutting event, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Scott Develson of Montclair trees; Surgeon General to attend.
- May 12 Sustainable Materials Management GR

**Guest Speaker: Stephen Schuckman, Arborist. Update on the Tree Ordinance – implementation, compliance, enforcement.**

**Discussion Topics:**

- Master Plan has been passed – comments from Keith Brodock and Jerry Fried. MEC going forward strategy. Our expectations from the Planning Board: Copies of EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) Site Plan Review Advisory Board (the MEC checklist?), NRI (Natural Resource Inventory). What to put on our web site: List of Open lands (public and private), other? Should we review/meet Environmental Consultants?

- Commissioner Job and Volunteer Job Descriptions to be finalized – for internal use; external use TBD;
- Filling the MEC vacancies.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

Waste Management and Recycling	Barbara, Deb, Corliss
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tour date</li> <li>• Recycling Order Compliance</li> </ul>	Gray Lyle
Water and Open Spaces	Gray, Lyle
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood Plain Map corrections (Rita)</li> </ul>	Handles by comment only?
Trees	James, Deb, Barbara
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CFMP, Inventory</li> </ul>	
Energy Use and Efficiency	Gray, Lyle
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• America Saves (Part of Preservation Green Labs)</li> </ul>	
MEC Website	Siobhan

**Non-Subcommittee Reports**

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| 1. FEMA's Community Resource Services                                 | Keith              |
| 2. Sustainable Jersey   | Jerry, Keith, Gray |
| 3. Montclair Community Learning Fair (Educational Sub-Committee)      | Siobhan, Corliss   |
| 4. Interest from Montclair (Bus.) Center<br>Has bought greenbusnj.org | Lyle               |

**Pending Discussions with Sean/Town Manager**

1. How to get the Mayor to make the changes recommended for the Recycling Order Compliance. Letter of 4.23.14 from Essex county Utilities Authority. 2<sup>nd</sup> request sent to town atty Joe Angelo.
2. Why wasn't MEC asked to review the Resolution authorizing application for a loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program for the construction of a 1 mg water tank to replace a previously demolished water tank (R\_15\_046).....or the Resolution authorizing application for a loan from the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program for sanitary sewer collection rehabilitation (R\_15\_047). Example: Were windmills considered for placement on the Water Tanks. How to be part of the process in the future.
3. OK to use the MEC Commissioner and Volunteer job descriptions on mtcenv.org (Ira's decision/now sent to Joe Angelo too).