



SOUTH ORANGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, June 29th, 2022 – 7:30 PM (Virtual WebEx Meeting)

Adequate notice given to public.

Public: Richard Bell, Joel Levin

Linda Beck, Walter Clarke, David Kraiker, Rob Orgera, Lorraine Graves, Larry Hirsch

Bill and Karen joined late.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Call meeting to Order**
- 2. We need someone to step up and act as Secretary.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 26th, 2022

3. POLICY UPDATES

Native plants

4. BOT/PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE - (Foligno) Not present, no update.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

RSB - Wonder Trucks need to be regulated. Idling is a problem. Westfield is doing something. Church Street - EC needs to get ahead of the game on the planning board. Needs to be involved earlier.

6. UPDATES ON NEW and CURRENT PROJECTS, ISSUES, etc.

- Greenway Committee - next steps - RFP has been posted, Fall ground breaking.
- Possible Church Street Development – Nothing to comment on yet. But we want to ensure that there is access to the woods there.
- Tree Planting – complete! 160 trees planted this spring. Need to plant earlier in the Spring. Still unsure about Valley St.
- Village Solar and Climate – still trying to schedule site visit.
- No Mow SOMA - initial meeting happened. Trying to get a second meeting. Pollinator Working Group – new pollinator postcard (physical and digital) DK-postcard is perfect for getting mailout to neighborhoods. LG-likes format, can we do Food Waste education?
- Poison Hemlock is no joke - education campaign launched- Warning about this plant.

7. COMMUNICATIONS - Walter & Linda

FB: _____ up from 897, IG: _____ up from 367 Buy Rite project was in the news

8. WORK DAYS/VOLUNTEERING:

- Sundays! Weeding, some planting, some trash pick-up, more weeding. No work crew this weekend.
- Tabling at Farmer's Market

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – 07/28/22 - 7:30 pm

Bill: Recycling contract is out there and the hauling contract as well. Have received interest. Fingers crossed.

River Greenway - RFP for Project Manager is out. The construction RFP is going out this week.

Stormwater issues - David Battaglia meeting with Bill on this topic.

DPW - meeting on various issues. Debrief on the Spring tree planting. Improve the processes.

Suggestions to put Poison Hemlock info out on Village Coms.

Wonder Trucks - discussion ensues. More information is needed on the company model and the issue it presents.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 8:49