



SOUTH ORANGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA

Thursday, September 16th, 2021 – 7PM (Virtual WebEx Meeting) *Adequate notice given to public.*

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call meeting to Order

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 26, 2021

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. BOT/PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE - (Haskins)

5. POLICY UPDATES (Next BOT meeting: September 13th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

- Leaf Blower Ordinance - anything new?
- Shade Tree Commission Ordinance - anything new?
- Resolution for EC consideration: Pay Up Climate Polluters - LET'S VOTE!
- Resolution for EC consideration: Fossil Fuel Divestment from Pension Fund - LET'S VOTE!
- Bottle Bill Proposal (contact NJ General Assembly Mila Jasey and John McKeon)

6. UPDATES ON CURRENT PROJECTS

- Post-Ida
 - Parks and Trees report - how did we do?
 - SOEC/Meadowland Park Conservancy/Beth El Congregation clean up last Sunday
- Flood's Hill - treatment of this playing field over the past 2 years and prospect of continuing chemical-free treatments for at least another 2 years. (Finlay)
- Trees
 - Brief fall tree planting
 - Founders Park Sewage Line - update?
- ZERO WASTE/MSW/Recycling
 - Update
- Mosquito Committee
- SEA Update - 10 hours in South Orange to be incentivized to do an energy assessment. Requirements and selection process still being formulated.
- In Native Plant News:
 - Invasive Strike Team - Sept. 12th (Bour)
 - The Essex County Chapter of the Native Plant Society will be hosting a garden tour on Sat. Sept. 18. There will be 6 public & private gardens available for viewing, two are in Maplewood. Toadshade will be onsite at Founders selling plants and seeds. Customers can preorder or shop in person. Event Link: <https://fb.me/e/16f8Fqt6a>
 - A few days before, On September 13th, Dr Randi Eckel, will be the speaker at the Maplewood Garden Club. The topic is "Landscaping with Colorful Native Plants". Free and open to all. Dehart Center at 7:30.

7. COMMUNICATIONS (FB: 813 followers, IG: 272 followers)

- ZeroWaste Survey



8. WORK DAYS

- Most weekends, either Saturday or Sunday, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm - JOIN US!
- SHU Crew/Amanda Cavanagh - Tree Maintenance, etc.
- VolunTEENS project in the works

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING DATE - 10/21/21 - 7:00 pm

11. ACTION ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT