

Montclair Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2023 at 7:30pm

Meeting at a private home, contact mtcenv@gmail.com for address.

Type of Meeting: Monthly

Facilitator: Ben Rich

Note Taker: Ben Rich

Commissioners: , Ben Rich (Co-Chair),
Keith Brodock, Imke Oster, Bill Martens,
Mac Carbonnell

Alternate Commissioner: Gray Russell

Excused: Suzanne Aptman (Co-Chair),
Janine Salvador (Secretary)

Township Liaison: Lisa Johnson

Township Council Liaisons: Lori
Price-Abrams (excused), Councillor; Sean
Spiller, Mayor (excused)

Call the meeting to order: Time 7:38pm

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was published on the Montclair Township website, Montclair Local annually, and MEC website.

7:38 - Call the meeting to order, Welcome & Introductions - Ben Rich

7:39 - Approval November 2023 Minutes - Ben Rich

Yea= 6, Nay= 0, Abstain= 0

7:40 - Reports/Updates (input/decision/action needed or action completed)

- Climate Action Plan (CAP) update
 - Do we want to prioritize actions by putting them in order or put low, med, high priority? Consensus is no for low/med/high, and yes for ordering the action items in terms of impact level.
 - Ease of installation or cost would be another way to indicate priority. Consensus is to only include GhG reduction potential in action items.
 - Subsequent addenda, such as implementation plans, will be developed following the adoption of this Climate Action Plan. One member suggested that this should be stated in the CAP.
 - Possibly include COP28 agreement information from the [UAE Consensus](#). "Swift, Just, and Equitable transition..." 'Global Stock Take' is the result of COP28.

- [Conservation Element](#) of the Master Plan Update
 - First review and give feedback on the CAP, then work on the Conservation Element of the Master Plan Reexamination.

- Support of Essex County deer management program was expressed
 - In 2024, the County does not plan to include Eagle Rock in the program due to low deer count.
 - Discussed the low count of deer in Eagle Rock because they have destroyed their food sources there, so they are now found in the surrounding neighborhoods.
 - Deer have also destroyed native habitat and eaten native plants and leaves from trees below 6 feet in Bonsal Preserve.

Adjournment **9:10pm** **Next Meeting: January 3, 2024**