

**MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 12, 2023**  
Pompton Lakes Environmental Protection Committee

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE: “In conformance with the Open Public Meetings Law, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, adequate notice of this Meeting setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of this regular Meeting through notice posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building, mailed to all who had requested and paid for same, and published in the Suburban Trends.

Called to order – 6:47 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Council Liaison, Maria Kent	X	
Chairman, Stephen Baig	X	
Chris Sudol		X
Julie Doncoes	X	
Michael Meeker	X	
Michael Sciacchetano		X

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. December 8, 2022

Motion: Julie Doncoes

Second: Michael Meeker

All in favor

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

Motion to Open Meeting to Public: Stephen Baig

Second: Julie Doncoes

1. Alexa Reed attended the meeting.
2. Chairman Baig kept the meeting open to the public in the event Ms. Reed had any questions or comments during the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Groundwater Guardian Application

The application is anticipated to be processed sometime this month. The EPC will be keeping the application consistent with what was submitted last year with the MUA.

2. Open Space Report - Michael Meeker

There was no regular meeting in December. The report from November remains as is.

- a) Looking for grant writing to offset Open Space funds designated to Hershfield to use someplace else.
- b) Willow Field used \$82,000 for engineering; \$18,000 remains.
- c) Lakeside Park. Replacing the fencing/Department of Transportation remains an open item.
- d) PAL basketball donation. The donation is estimated to cover the installation of basketball hoops at Pacifico-Gallo Field and surfacing the courts at Stiles Park.
- e) PLRYO – no update.

3. Redevelopment MUA Plans

Meridian Project on Wanaque and Babcock - Llyod explained how the MUA determines its capacity by process of a Treatment Works Approval (“TWA”) permit application. The application is for the entire sanitary system. Capacity flows are based on bedrooms, not bathrooms. Stephen Baig asked about PILOT program. Councilwoman, Maria Kent advised that PILOT programs are only used in areas of need of development only and need to meet certain standards. Planning board reviews areas that are not subject to PILOT.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Curbside Recycling and the Recycling Center

Councilwoman, Maria Kent advised that residents like to visit the recycling center. The Committee discussed any upgrades to the existing recycling centers. Stephen Baig discussed putting stone down on the property such as Quarry Product (“QP”) stone. Councilwoman, Maria Kent suggested the committee schedule a field trip to see the equipment and area.

2. Any new initiatives/programs

- a) River Cleanup. Scheduled for Sunday, May 7, 2023. Mike Meeker will prepare a flyer for the next meeting.

- b) Bernadette Chillemi was sworn in as a Committee member.
- c) Take the Pledge. Possibly form a committee for garbage and recyclables in town and for any need that we may have.
- d) Add to February's agenda – Compositing, Litter Contest Video, Lake Clean Up and Reports, BID with littering.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: Stephen Baig  
Second: Julie Doncoes  
All in Favor

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:33 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by:  
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