

**BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING NOTICE**

Date: Tuesday, November 14th 7:30 pm

Place: Somerville Community Center Avalon 24 Robeson Street

A-G-E-N-D-A

OCTOBER 2023 MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS

- **Borough Hall mail**
- **Social Media Updates (Timaire) Email from High School Student Mateo (Timaire)**
- **Website Updates (Geoff)**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Special BC meeting October 30th to discuss vision for West Main Street Development (Helene) Community suggested no more apartments, a community theater, recreation facility**
- **SNJ Silver Certification, SNJ luncheon November 14th Atlantic City - Gina**
- **Home Energy Efficiency Outreach by PSEG, SNJ – Paige/Jeff/Timarie/Gina**
- **Fall Events: Peters Brook Planting Plan and Rain Garden Pruning – How did it go? (Gina/ Helene)**
- **Regional ANJEC meet and greet. Saturday Nov. 4th . How did it go? (Helene and anyone else who attended)**
Tree Removal Ordinance Revisit – (Glen) Ribbons in memory of whomever – wrapped around trees and are potentially damaging trees- add to tree ordinance. ANJEC is reviewing the DEP’s ordinance. No date on when it will be released.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Rain Gardens update – new volunteer has contacted Gina and Jeff to design.**
- **Trees for Schools Grant that Somerville BOE received Gina is going to contact BOE member to find out more information.**
- **New Volunteer application and review of EC and GT terms for renewal and request to Boro Council (Sande/ Helene).**

- **See list below for Commission members:**

- Jeff Lamborn, Chair (3-yr term expires 12/31/24)
- Helene Venizelos, Vice-Chair (3-yr term expires 12/31/23)
- Sandra Benscoter, Secretary (2-yr term expires 12/31/23)
- Larry Cleveland, Planning Board Liaison (3-yr term expires 12/31/25)
- Glen Denys (3-yr term expires 12/31/24)
- Geoffrey Keiser (3-yr term expires 12/31/23)
- Rebecca Reitman-Garofalo (3-yr term expires 12/31/24)
- Geraldine DeSapio, Alternate #2 (2-yr term expires 12/31/23)
- Roberta Harmon, Alternate #1 (2-yr term expires 12/31/23)
- Gina Stravic, Council Liaison
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- **Items the EC would like to budget for next year**
- **A look ahead – calendar to write up Community Forestry Plan (Gina). Due 12/31/24. Plan on completing by June to give to Boro Council for adoption**
- **UMass tree webinar (Geri/Timare)**
- **Holiday meeting/party Anyone what to host?**

REPORTS

- **Green Team Updates – Rebecca**
- **Planning Board – Larry**
- **Council Liaison Report – Gina**

PLEASE email your absences to Helene Venizelos
IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO ATTEND, please provide your report by e-mail

cc: Commission, Green Team, K. Sluka, R. Hadley, P. Hunt