



**Environmental Commission Minutes
Tuesday –February 4, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

The Environmental Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Jonah Pichette

ROLL CALL: Present: Gina Hutter Michael Walton, Jonah Pichette, Sue Metzler, Virginia Schmidt, John McArthur, Shantanu Pahi
Also Present: David Post - Council Representative, Patrick Jeffers – Engineering Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Mr. Pichette motioned to approved October 1, 2024 minutes as submitted with a spelling error corrected.
Mr. McArthur seconded the Motion.
Motion unanimously passed.**

PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners – Kristi Reklinski shared Tinkers Creek mission and defined what a Watershed does. She discussed outreach goals and the rain barrel program. Ms. Reklinski also discussed water quality monitoring. She also talked about bee houses, summer camps and the Watershed Fun Day.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None Presented.



COMMISSIONERS REPORTS and DISCUSSIONS:

- Ms. Schmidt discussed the program for various plastic recycling at Giant Eagle. She also discussed composting programs for home pickup and public drop off. Virginia additionally shared on March 15th is the Frog and Salamander Festival and on May 3rd there is a native habitat and plant sale.
- Mr. Jeffers discussed possibilities of a compost site in Twinsburg and finding an appropriate location.
- Mr. Pahi discussed the information for Reworks Recycling program will begin June 5th.
- Mr. Pichette discussed that the website updates are complete.
Mr. Pichette shared potential designs for Environmental Commission T-shirts. Members discussed various options for the design. Possible options will be sent to the Marketing Coordinator for any changes.

COUNCIL REPORT:

- Mr. Post shared that he feels communication, community outreach and education is vitally important for our residents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Earth Day/Arbor Day – This is a combined event.
April 26th 9:00 – 11:00am at the Twinsburg Community Center
All contributors will provide education, activity and outreach. Members discussed doing a scavenger hunt and providing educational information at this event. Details to be completed.
- b. Award Program – Environmental Awards, Friend of the Commission
The Good Neighbor Award will be the start of this program. Members discussed the process of nominations and criteria. This discussion will be continued at the Commission's next meeting.
- c. Short Term Goals – Mr. Pichette discussed the continuation to participate at Community events, updated webpage and T-shirts.

NEW BUSINESS: None presented.



MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Members continued the discussion of outreach in residents' sewer bills. Mr. Pichette will follow up with Jen Betenson.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: All Members present.

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 4, 2025, at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

**Mr. Pichette motioned to adjourn the meeting.
Motion unanimously passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.**