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HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP SUSTAINABLE HILLSBOROUGH STEERING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

11/18/2024

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - 7:00PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING - This meeting has been duly advertised according to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 ("Sunshine Law").

ROLL CALL:

☒ Tito Sharma	☐ Vacant
☒ Dr. Christopher Obropta, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	☐ Robin Vlamis, <i>Secretary (Alt #1)</i>
☒ Dr. Kelly Francisco, <i>Chairwoman</i>	☒ Sabin Amanullah (<i>Alternate #2</i>)
☐ Vacant	
☐ Committeeman Shawn Lipani - <i>TC Liaison</i>	
☐ Committeeman John Ciccarella - <i>TC Liaison</i>	
☒ Samantha Ball - <i>Assistant Planner / Sustainability Program Manager</i>	

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- [9/17/2024 Meeting Minutes](#) (No October meeting)
 - APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

- Sustainable Jersey Luncheon
 - Recap of luncheon and the awards Hillsborough received
 - Health Gold Star
 - Large Group Champion Award
 - Updates
 - Ideas for projects from other Twps. (Margate - Construction debris)
- Discussion of upcoming Community Solar Program

OLD BUSINESS

- [Community Sustainability Plan \(Previous plan\)](#)
 - [Draft updates \(folder for all updates\)](#)
 - Timeline for completion
 - Being pushed to 2025
 - Some draft sections are done (Climate Change, Economy)
 - [Discussion of goals Google Doc](#)
 - Looking for input on which goals to keep, which ones may not be relevant anymore
 - Need to reach out to the public
 - PublicInput surveys would work best
 - New goal date: March 2025; Submission goal date: May
 - Time for drafting questions

- Add section on drought mitigation

NEW BUSINESS

- Water Story questionnaire
 - Add flooding questions
 - Add questions regarding drought
 - Did you take any precautions with the drought?
 - Did you take our water pledge?
 - Water companies have been sending out information on the drought
 - Sam - set up Google Doc for potential draft questions
- Sabin - is water conservation being promoted in the schools?
 - Sam - email Alison about the promotion in the schools
- Leave the Leaves being promoted through TC meeting, newsletter, FB
 - Leaves can go into compost bin
 - Add that ticks are an issue when you rake/bag leaves
 - Clare will send over info on this topic
- Master Plan Reexamination new element - Green Building & Sustainability ([SJ action](#) will be retired)
 - MP will be incorporating this element for the first time
 - Commission will be reached out to to give input and recommendations for element early 2025
- Green Amendment resolution (Ex: [Franklin Twp. version](#))
 - Kelly and Tito attended Franklin's film discussion regarding the Green Amendment
 - State is currently trying to rewrite first amendment for NJ to codify that all residents have the right to clean water, clean air, and a healthy environment
 - Franklin had their town council pass a resolution encouraging the state to adopt a Green Amendment
 - Commission supports the amendment; planning to send to TC for a resolution
 - Sam - discuss with David and Sarah to use Franklin's wording (Franklin OK'd)
- Roundtable
 - Clare will be visiting Long Hill and Madison to see their styrofoam recycling capabilities
 - [Madison's recycling page](#)
 - Composting education in 2025
 - Businesses could potentially share their brown cardboard

ADJOURNMENT - 8:02PM

NEXT MEETING:

December 17th, 2024