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Town of Boonsboro

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

TUESDAY, August 10, 2021

PRESENT: *Commission Members:* Chairperson Kathy Vesely, Laura Schnackenberg, Amy Jones, Andy Watson

ABSENT: Leah Grasso, Barb Wetzel, Cassandra Ladino, Kim Pruitt, Terri Hollingshead

PRESIDING: Chairperson Vesely called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The July 2021 minutes will be put to vote via email due to lack of quorum present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appalachian Trail Designated Community (ATDC): BEC Chairperson Vesely spoke recently with EDC Chair Terri Packard. BEC would like to work in conjunction with the EDC toward AT Community Designation with the EDC taking the lead role. Chairperson Vesely will try and reconnect with John Canan from ATDC for additional information. BEC will discuss this further at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

We formally welcome Kim Pruitt to the BEC as she was approved at the last Mayor and Council meeting. Kim will be fulfilling the remainder of Alison Preston's term which expires in April 2022. A discussion point for the September BEC meeting will be to align all member terms to November. This includes the terms for Commission Members Pruitt, Wetzel, and Clements (April, October, and August respectively).

The BEC is sad to say goodbye to Jenn Clements who is resigning from the BEC due to a move out of the area. Chairperson Vesely will speak to the Town Manager about advertising this vacancy.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Waste Reduction – A reminder that the Fall Bulk Trash drop off event will be held on Saturday, October 9th. Volunteers are welcome and needed!

Strategic Plan/Grants – Chairperson Vesely and Commission member Ladino met and reviewed the strategic plan. It is currently a work in progress, and we will hopefully have a draft for review at next BEC meeting.

Trees – All of the 250 trees allocated for private property planting for the Fall Tree Giveaway have been spoken for! In addition, Boonsboro was awarded the \$1000 MUCFC grant.

Public Education/Outreach – Retaining speakers could become problematic again due to the uptick in covid cases.

Green Team – No report.

Monarch Butterfly Waystation – Chairperson Vesely spoke with departing BEC member Jenn Clements regarding the Butterfly Waystation and was assured that the Scouts intend to continue the garden upkeep.

Farmers Market – Chairperson Vesely will be submitting an email vote to approve payment for the reusable bags needed for the August 3rd farmers market giveaway event.

Green Spaces – No report.

Do we need to include a new subcommittee category for EV Charging Station?

TOWN UPDATE:

No town update as Council Liaison Hollingshead was unable to attend tonight’s BEC meeting.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

Commission Member Watson reported continued use of the EV charging station by a variety of vehicles.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM

**Respectfully submitted by
Amy Jones, BEC Secretary**

***Next meeting: TUESDAY September 14, 2021 – Regular meeting at 7:00.**

Any person desiring a transcript of tonight’s meeting shall be responsible for a competent stenographer. Items on this agenda are subject to change at the discretion of the Chairman.

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