

Lambertville Environmental Commission

Summer 2017 Retreat Meeting Notes

August 5, 2017

City Hall

Attendees:

Kyle Strumfels	Michael Heffler
Matt Nogier	Jane Rosenblatt
Jean Milman	Julia Taylor
Gina Fischetti	

Meeting Notes:

Commission members met over a retreat in early August 2017 to discuss: renewed purpose and goals for the Lambertville Environmental Commission, the status of current projects, potential future projects and to define the roles and responsibilities of its members.

Draft Renewed Purpose Statement:

Member discussion regarding a renewed purpose statement focused on both the role of the commission in the City's environmental quality, the importance of involving residents and getting "back to basics" understanding what we are required to do by the state. A draft renewed purpose statement to be reviewed and approved by the commission is below:

"The mission of the Lambertville Environmental Commission is to improve the environmental quality of the city and inform residents of how they can contribute."

Projects:

Commission members discussed projects they may be interested be working in:

- Working with John Miller's group to share information on what people can do to reduce flood insurance rates
- Renewable energy projects
- Environmental Commission Requirements
 - Understanding what is required of the commission by the state and city code
 - Stormwater education
 - Environmental Resource Inventory
- Ongoing projects:
 - Additional Third Can Projects:
 - Analyzing data, publishing results, public outreach
 - Lambertville Goes Wild
 - Cherry St. Lot

- Sustainability Plan

Additionally, commission members discussed the City's expiring Sustainable Jersey Certification and came to consensus that it's action/ certification framework is a productive framework for which the Environmental Commission can organize future activities with an ultimate goal of submitting an application for silver certification in June of 2018.

Member Roles and Responsibilities

As appointed officials of the city, the members of the Lambertville Environmental Commission are at a minimum responsible for: attending meetings, actively participating in one project and reporting out on project updates monthly.

In addition, members can volunteer for additional responsibility on the commission and are responsible for the following duties:

Role	Responsibilities	Current Person
Chair	run, set and send meeting agenda, link to city administration, set long term agenda for the commission, participate in projects	Jane
Vice Chair	in absence of chair, complete their duties, participate in projects	Kyle
Secretary	take meeting notes, share notes with commission and city for posting online	Matt
External Commission Liaison	TBD	Jean
Treasurer/ Fundraiser	TBD	--
Regional Liaison	TBD	Jean
Communications Director	TBD	Jean
Planning Board Representative (Rep)	Attend monthly meetings, report to commission	Jane
Wild & Scenic Management Council Rep	Attend quarterly meetings, report to commission	Gina, Jane
SPLASH	TBD, help advance partnership	Kyle
Lambertville Citizens Against Pipeline Committee Rep	Attend meetings, report out on activities to commission	Gina

