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Town of Pompey Environmental Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2023

Pompey Town Hall

7:00 PM

Attendees: Phil George, Kathy Bertuch, Stan Gorman, Pam O'Malley, Adam Scalisi, Craig Dennis, Martha Viglietta

Previous meeting minutes were approved

UPDATES:

- Chair:
 - Facebook Live and Zoom are unavailable for this meeting due to equipment access issues.
 - The Excel project tracking sheets can serve as a placeholder for projects/initiatives the ECC may pursue in the future.
 - The ECC should consider the Pompey Historical Society as a potential resource for future initiatives and partnerships.
- Deputy Chair:
 - The energy audit at the Town Highway Garage is underway. Chuck Bertuch/Bergmann will request additional documentation needed to complete the audit.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pivot Energy is holding an open house for the public to review revised plans for a Tier 3 solar installation on Sweet Road. The new application has not been submitted to the Planning Board. The ECC will be asked to review the application in the future.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- **Short Term Rentals:** Financial incentives associated with short-term vacation rentals are greater than long-term residential rentals. This can potentially have a negative impact on the number of long-term residential options available in the Town. The Town's Short Term Rental Committee will develop an inventory of current long term rental properties and a definition for "short-term" as it considers what, if any, issues will need to be addressed through town level policies.
- **Stimulus Funds Committee:** \$300K of the available \$600K stimulus funds is earmarked for drainage projects in the Town. Six businesses submitted Downtown Revitalization grant applications to Onondaga County. The County did not fund the projects because Pompey does not have a defined downtown area and the six-applications were not centrally focused. It is not clear if the remaining stimulus money can be used to fund the projects.
- **Webpage:** Updates to the webpage were focused on the Earth Day event.
- **Earth Day:** Staffing, supply, and set up needs were reviewed. Martha will request planting instructions for the tree seedlings from the Town Clerk.

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- **Seasonal Contests:** The snowman contest was well received by the community with 15 entries and 2,275 “likes” on Facebook. Themes and logistics for supporting the summer and fall contests were discussed. The summer contest will be focused on attracting pollinators. Phill will draft a preliminary flyer for discussion at the May meeting. Promotion should begin in Late-May with the contest running in June. Members were encouraged to identify additional contest ideas/topics.

Open Discussion

- **Frank Long Road Tier 3 Solar Project:** Phil will request an opportunity for the ECC to participate in a site visit to the Frank Long Road project site with other Town officials if one is scheduled. The Pivot Open House was informative and Phil will follow up with the Town about any plans to request that Seaboard hold a similar public outreach event. Preliminary discussion of the F.L.R application focused on potential issues related to drainage impacts and management options, well contamination from on-site lubricants and other potentially toxic materials, viewshed concerns, and impacts on the structural integrity of existing roadways during construction. All members were instructed to review the full proposal for further discussion at the May meeting.

Next Meeting

- The May meeting date reflects a schedule change to accommodate vacation schedules. The next meeting will be held on **May 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

ECC Charter

<https://ecode360.com/12886610>

Master Plan

https://www.townofpompey.org/files/ugd/090e05_d9edec5caf44431b9f43701dcce2bac1.pdf

Submitted by
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