

# ***Sustainable Moorestown Committee Meeting Minutes***

January 12, 2023

## **I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Wolf Skacel on January 12, 2023.

**In Attendance:** Patrick Fowler, Wolfgang Skacel, Chuck Sides, Susan Gilman, David Hess, Bradd Forstein, Saima Bhutta, Sue Mammarella (Council Liaison) Chris Salvatico (volunteer), Barbara Rich (resident)

**Absent:** Daniel Carlin, Steve Toniatti, Nancy Jamanow (Township Liaison)

## **II. Introduction of New Members**

- Wolf welcomed the new members.
- All in attendance introduced themselves.

## **III. Selection / Nominations**

- The following officers were nominated and selected by the committee:
  1. Wolf Skacel - Chairperson
  2. David Hess - Vice-Chairperson
  3. Pat Fowler - Secretary

## **IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- December 2022 minutes were not approved as we did not have a quorum from the December meeting to approve.

## **V. Discussion of Active Action Items**

- Sustainable Jersey Certification Program Introduction/Overview - David
  1. David provided an introduction and history of Moorestown's successful Sustainable Jersey certification efforts, having held Silver certification amongst the top 5 in the state.
  2. He suggested the Gold Star Energy certification was achievable given we already have solid programs in place for the fleet and municipal energy tracking and improvement.
  3. David emphasized that due dates had been moved earlier by the state: Feb 26, May 26, and July 27.

4. He also highlighted that Kevin Aberant, Township Manager, has been a big supporter of our Sustainable Jersey certification efforts.
  5. David encouraged all committee members to review the available actions on the Sustainable Jersey to identify areas of interest.
  6. Chuck Sides has volunteered to assist David on some new initiatives that Barbara Kreider was previously leading.
  7. Sue suggested that the Township's new plastic recycling collection initiative and the community initiative Buy Nothing on Facebook might be two initiatives to submit for our certification efforts.
- Sustainable Moorestown website, Facebook, & Instagram updates - Wolf
    1. Tina Montana has volunteered to continue helping to keep these various sites updated.
  - EV Charging Grants - Bradd
    1. Bradd shared news that we are on the shortlist for future EV charging grants through the NJ Office of Clean Energy.
    2. Currently we have zero public charging stations in Moorestown.
    3. Bradd has been researching different companies that offer EV charging installation and maintenance services including Blink Charging and ChargePoint. He has shared data on the municipal parking lot so both companies can evaluate and develop proposals..
    4. **ACTION: Bradd will reach out to both Blink and ChargePoint about presenting to the Town Council on EV charging options.**
  - Sustainable Moorestown Community Survey - Wolf/Chris
    1. The committee has a strong interest in pursuing.
    2. Next step is to start developing a list of survey questions.
  - New Initiatives - Wolf
    1. **ACTION: Wolf to re-send the list of available Sustainable Jersey actions for the committee members to review for potential areas of interest.**
  - Moorestown Creates Reorganization - David/Saima
    1. Saima spoke to Kara Buss regarding this effort.
    2. **ACTION: David and Saima to reach out to Kara regarding next steps.**
  - Adopt a Storm Drain - Wolf
    1. Discussion about possibly connecting with local schools to identify students interested in volunteering to help keep storm drains clean around town. Susan is following up.

## **VI. Report from Township Council Liaison**

- Sue asked that everyone review the Township's new website and sign up for auto notifications.

- She also shared a handout about the AARP Livable Communities e-Newsletter which provides information on how to make your community more livable for older adults and people of all ages. To subscribe, you can go online at “AARP.org/LivableSubscribe”.
- Sue provided updates on the mall and Camden Avenue projects.

## **VII. Open Forum**

- Susan asked if we had data available on the Moorestown website to track what % of the community is connected and getting communications.

## **VIII. Public Comment**

- Barbara Rich joined us this evening on her birthday. The Town Council designated this day as Barbara A. Rich Day in honor of her long-time community service.
- Barbara attended the meeting as she was interested to hear what the committee was doing on the Adopt a Storm Drain project.

## **IX. Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned by Wolf Skacel at ~ 9:10 PM.
- The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023.