

Environmental Commission Minutes
April 24, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members	Present
Peter Dlugos – Chair	X
Eric Duch - Co-Chair	-
Dana Flynn	X
Christine Aboulhosn	X
James Myers	-
Lisa Shimamoto	X
Randy Gutwein	X
Andrew McElroy – Planning Board Liaison	-
Harvey Roseff – Council Liaison	X
Elaine Evers – Secretary	X

Public Participation – Resident Pat Moschella was in attendance.

Open Public Meeting Statement – Adequate notice of this meeting has been published specifying the time and access information in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting has also been electronically sent to the newspapers and uploaded to Byram’s website, at not less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting. In addition, a copy of this notice is on file in the office of the Environmental Commission Secretary.

Review of March 2024 Meeting Minutes – Minutes approved as written.

Committee Reports

- MRMC
 - Randy Gutwein was not on the email list for the most recent meeting; Peter will contact Ben Y. to correct. Randy shared upcoming MWA events, including Native Plant Sale (May 10).
- Open Space
 - Peter described how the controlled burn in Tamarack Park to suppress barberry was further discussed. A memo with rationale was requested for the Town Council to help with their decision to support.
- Council
 - Harvey updated the Commission on progress of COJ improvements and the new proposed qualitative enforcement of the environmental noise ordinance/

New Business

- Peter announced that the new EC Mission and Vision Statements had been posted, and thanked Elaine for her support; he suggested we might want to think about page reorganization/reduction or at least adding hyperlinks. Information on Stormwater is directly relevant to the watershed education we have been attempting.
- Peter described next steps on the proposed controlled burn in Tamarack Park – pending TC approval.
- Peter debriefed on Arbor Day event (April 19) in conjunction with the Lakeland EMS Easter Egg Hunt. Approximately 70 of 100 seedlings were given out, mostly to people who were there for the egg hunt. The remaining tree seedlings were donated to Stanhope EC for planting at Waterloo Village. There was discussion on expanding the event next year to include other activities.
- DEP ribbon-cutting in Allamuchy Mt. State Park postponed until May 14 (Wednesday).
- Peter gave an update on the Trails initiative; mapping and trails assessment should be done soon. The first workshop on trail maintenance will be May 11 (Sunday), with workshops to follow on June 7 and June 22.
- Waterloo Canal Day is June 22, but as noted, the EC is hosting an Invasives Workshop on that same date.

Planning Board Applications

- Mr. Guerra (Z05-2025 Block 336 Lot 3.16, 3 Camelot, Joshua Guerra) is seeking approval for an ATX track on his property. The EC recommends that he adhere to current noise ordinance and monitor for changes to stormwater runoff as track gets established and used; there is some potential for impact on adjacent properties.

Old Business

- Mansfield Trail Superfund Site (no updates)
- Lake Management Plan (no updates)

Membership

- Alternate II position is vacant.

Budget – still TBD.

Next Meeting to be held in person on May 22, 2025.

Motion to Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.