

**Madison Environmental Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 26 2022**

A meeting of the Madison Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairperson Claire Whitcomb at approximately 7:35pm.

**Present:** Claire Whitcomb, Bridget Daley, Ann Huber, Kirsten Wallenstein

**Absent:** Brian Monaghan, Stephan Stocker, Trina Mallik, Ellen Kranefuss

**Guests:** Mary Ellen Hennessy Jones, Mery Nadiele (Drew GIS student), Lisa Jordan, Cassaundra Sledge, Meredith Junes

**Climate action -- Mary Ellen Hennessy Jones & Kirsten Wallenstein**

- The Ad Hoc Committee spoke with dept heads around:
  1. capital planning
  2. non-capital planning
  3. decarbonization goals
- 2 meetings have occurred:
  - 1 with Jim Burnet on decarbonization & maximizing energy
  - Capital meeting last week with a number of people, discussed near-term projects proposed (2-4 years) and need strategy/plan for 10-25 years
  - core initiatives to be ID'd

**Lawn mowing reduction**

- Mowing master plan + master plan for field maintenance
- Cut it & leave it brochure
- Sustainable Jersey guidelines stipulate 4 things, per Mary Ellen: Integrated pest management (IPM), water consumption, efficient landscape (mowing) & something else
- Cutting down on mowing could free up time for things like trail maintenance, bench repairs, & other things

**Bat houses**

Student / Girl Scout in Madison is encouraging them; table at May Day is suggested

**Eco garden tour:** proposed for fall

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.