

**South Plainfield Environmental Advisory Committee**  
**Official Minutes - January 10, 2024**  
**Reorganization Meeting**

**1. Call to Order**

Notice having been filed with the S.P. Observer and TAP into SP, Vice-Chairman John Ferguson called the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting to order in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act at 7:31 pm.

**Present:** John Ferguson (vice chairman), Tom Walsh, Debra Leporino, Genevieve Helbo, Melanie Mott (council liaison) and Rich Houghton (planning board liaison).

**Others:** Kristina Nieradka

**Absent:** Lisa Roseo (secretary)

**2. Adopt By-Laws**

Melanie said the By-Laws are being re-vamped. She spoke with authorities who said we can run this meeting without adopting new by-laws.

**3. Elect Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson**

Chairperson - John put Debra's name on the floor for nomination. There were no other nominees. Tom seconded the nomination, and all were in favor of approval.

Vice-Chairperson – Debra nominated John, Tom seconded, and all were in favor of approval.

**4. Appoint Committee Chairpersons**

Land Use – to be determined.

ERI – Debra Leporino

Clean Communities – Kristina Nieradka / Debra Leporino

Forestry – to be determined.

Highland Avenue Woods – Tom will ask Dorothy Miele if she is willing to send him a report each month.

Public Education – to be determined.

Historical Sites Preservation – Tom will ask Dorothy Miele if she is willing to send him a report each month.

Pollution – John Ferguson

Green Team – Tom Walsh

Public Information & Technology – we need to figure out who and how to administer our Facebook page and Boro webpage.

Stormwater Advisory Committee – John Ferguson

Chairwoman's Report – Debra Leporino

**5. Set Schedule of Meetings**

The meetings will remain on the second Wednesday of each month @7:30 pm.

**6. Adjournment**

The reorganization meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Roseo  
Environmental Advisory Committee Secretary