Land Use, Climate Impacts & Sustainability Committee Meeting

This meeting was conducted remotely
All participants were present via Zoom conference

Pinelands Commission YouTube link:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBgpC8sbR3Acrjo7ppxs3Uw

Minutes
October 7, 2020

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Mark Lohbauer, Sean Earlen, Rick Prickett, Edward Lloyd, and Alan Avery

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director, Nancy Wittenberg; Susan Grogan, Stacey Roth. Also present was Vincent Mazzei, Assistant Commissioner, NJDEP Watershed & Land Use Management

1. Call to Order - meeting called to order by Chairman Lohbauer and Commissioners participating in the meeting were identified.

2. Presentation by Vincent Mazzei, Assistant Commissioner, NJDEP Watershed & Land Use Management, on NJDEP’s PACT (Protecting Against Climate Threats) Initiative.
   ▪ Presentation on how sea level rise and increased precipitation will impact or greatly increase the frequency and severity of flooding across the state and in particular in the Pinelands region.
   ▪ Standards still being written, looking for collaboration from public agencies and local governing authorities.
   ▪ Powerpoint being forwarded to Pinelands Commission to be put on Website to Allow the public to view.
   ▪ Commissioners expressed their thanks for the presentation and asked questions regarding the presentation.

3. Discussion - Draft Resolution establishing the Pinelands Commission Objectives written by Susan Grogan and staff. Resolution allowing the Commission to set guidance for the LUCIS Committee and state what the Commission’s goals are for the LUCIS Committee. Revisions were proposed by Committee members. A revised resolution will be presented to the Committee for review at the next meeting. Looking to present resolution to full Commission at November meeting.

4. Public Comment
   Rhyan Grech, Pinelands Preservation Alliance – commented to thank Assistant Commissioner Mazzei for his presentation, hopes Commission will work with DEP moving forward with writing standards, appreciated discussion and draft resolution put forward.
Fred Akers, Great Egg Harbor Watershed Assoc. – commented on coastal vs. marine flooding, in response to presentation.

Next meeting Oct. 30, 2020 after the P&I meeting.

Commissioner Earlen moved the adjournment of the meeting and Commissioner Lloyd seconded the motion and all agreed.

Minutes submitted as true and correct:

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