

Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting
Minutes – January 21, 2025

MLEC Members present: J. Bay, D. Gates, M. Kaplan, R. Platt, C. Korman
Student Liaisons: E. Mei, H. Shafqat
Borough Council: Josh Howley

1. Administration: December Meeting Minutes approved. Minutes still need to be posted to Borough website. Dan to follow up with Cara Fox to rectify.
2. MLHS Updates: Pictures of the recycling bins appear to be clearly marked at the high school but monitoring of these bins is not clear how well they're being utilized. We will attempt to discover if we're getting proper reimbursement for the tonnage amounts. We need receipts of things towed away.
3. Update NJ Highlands Compliance: It appears that it would be beneficial to our projects to participate in the Highlands. Restrictions on future development may be the downside for developers. However, it does not appear that we have a large amount of parcels that would be adversely impacted if redeveloped. Discussed with Josh Howley, our new council liaison, and recommended him to keep us advised of the next Highlands commission borough council presentation.
4. Polystyrene: It sounds like the Borough has approved the continuation of Polystyrene recycling for the next year.
5. EC Goals 2025: Setting up a monthly E blast or teasers with various topics. The topic of light pollution will be forthcoming at the next meeting with ideas for new ordinances for the town and also simple recommendations for borough residents. Stormwater management, leave the leaves, and adding surveillance system regarding PFA's to be addressed, alternative ground cover.

Next meeting scheduled February 18, 2025 @7:30pm via Zoom.