

## Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2025

Members: Mimi Kaplan, Jackie Bay, Cy Korman, Bob Platt

BC Liaison: Josh Howley

MLHA Liaisons: Charlotte Caggiano, Samatha Hirschfeld

Public-Scott Dubnoff

1. September Minutes approved
2. MLHS Update – Discussed Recycling: suggestion was made to meet with the BC Principal to discuss what's made their recycling program so successful.
  - Idea to revive garden that was established by past MLHS EC liaisons and Environmental Club members.
  - Skip the Stuff initiative was another suggestion. It is a program that gets restaurants to only provide single-use products if requested by patron.
  - Suggestion to get MLHS to set-up Graduation Gown reuse program.
3. Leave The Leaves Campaign: signs have been requested and delivered, as well as, handed out to interested individuals at Fall Fest.
4. ERI Update – Asked Josh to get update on status of approval for funds Dan will continue coordinating list of info to be included.
5. E-Blast Battery Disposal – Bob and Jackie working on it.
6. ANJEC Congress Takeaways – Cy
  - Veolia Water Technologies – discussed innovative filtration products
  - Lead still in products at Home Depot/Lowes because it's not required to disclose, so you need to do your own product material searches.
  - NJ first state to use Climate Modeling for Land Use Planning
  - Grants available for Connecting Habitats for animals.

**Birchwood Lake Rain Garden** schedule update will be provided by Dan, but MLHS Liaisons with MLHS EC need to schedule educational maintenance training with Brian Marshall for the Spring.

Additional Business: Jackie shared that Lakes Committee has reported that all lakes water levels are down and many have algae issues.

Volunteers to take over Chair – Bob Platt voiced interest  
Scott voted in

Meeting adjourned at \*:35pm. **NEXT MEETING is scheduled for 11/18/25 @7:30pm via Zoom**