

Orange County Commission for the Environment

DRAFT Meeting Summary

March 9th, 2020; 7:30 pm

Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill

Present: Bradley Saul (Chair), Bill Ward, Laura Doherty, Alan Parry, Jeremy Marzuola

Absent: Lynne Gronback, James Eichel, Jody Eimers, Carrie Fletcher, Kim Piracci

Staff: Brennan Bouma, Chris Hirni, Wesley Poole

I. Call to Order

Saul called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Recognition of lack of quorum; no voting will take place.

II. Additions or Changes to Agenda

Saul recommended pushing all voting measures to next meeting

III. CFE Activities – 2020

CFE discussed current activities with a brief status update for each item.

IV. Eno-New Hope Landscape Conservation Plan

Dr. John Randall presented the specifics for the plan and the deciding factors for formulating the corridors used for wildlife driven ecosystem protection needs. Saul commented on desire the CfE recommends the incorporation of the document into the next Lands Legacy Action Plan Update (2021-2024). Saul also recommends presenting to the Planning Board and BOCC.

V. Climate Action Tax - Update

Bouma updated the CfE on the expectations of the commission for future rating/scoring of projects and brainstorming new projects. The CfE discussed future parameters and equity considerations as well as potential avenues for distributing finances.

VI. Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) Falls Lake Regulatory Forum

Poole provided an update to the CFE on UNRBA's recent Falls Lake Regulatory Forum that was held in Durham on February 12, 2020. He updated the commission on County efforts to reduce pollutants and meet the requirements set forth by the Forum.

VII. Updates and Information Items

CFE discussed Earth Evening involvement coming up on Friday, April 24 from 6-8pm.

VIII. Adjournment

Saul concluded the meeting at 9:05 p.m.