

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
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Diane Burgess, Chair
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Regular Meeting Agenda: Monday, March 25, 2024; 7:30 PM
Via Zoom

I. Open Public Meeting Statement

“This meeting has been duly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, 10:4-6 et seq. The annual schedule of board meetings has been published in the Hunterdon Democrat newspaper. Copies of the notice have been posted in the Township Municipal Building. This is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission.”

II. Call to Order and Roll Call

Name (Term Expires)	1/29/2024 Reorg & Regular	2/26/2024 (cancelled)	3/25/2024	4/29/2024	5/20/2024	6/29/2024	8/26/2024	9/30/2024	10/28/2024	11/25/2024		
Diane Burgess (3 year - 12/31/2025)	√											
John Benscoter (3 year - 12/31/2026) - LUB	√											
Laney Britten (3 year - 12/31/2026)	√											
John Thonet (3 year - 12/31/2025) – LUB	√											
Kevin Carroll (3 year - 12/31/2025)												

Other attendees:

III. Meeting Minutes

1. Approve January 2024 meeting minutes

IV. Working Session

1. Sustainable Jersey Certification
 - Initial application submitted 2/25/2024 – waiting comments due mid-April to provide updates
 - i. approved : 105 points (of 150 required); 1 priority (of 2 required)
 - ii. must revise: 95 points; 1 priority
2. Well Testing
 - Advertising plan – Samantha from Raritan Headwaters
3. Email blasts for February, March, April, May
 - February – Laney B will write up article on ink cartridge recycling
 - March – John T will write up article on how to get rid of your lawn/start a meadow
 - April – article on Spring Cleanup (Kevin?)
4. Schedule Kevin’s talk
5. Current Sustainable Jersey grant (\$2,000)
 - John B provide status of spending to date and proposed additional expenditures
6. DEP Tree Giveaway
 - John B has submitted application for 1000 trees to be distributed on Saturday 4/20/2024 11am-12:30pm at the Municipal Building
 - John B will coordinate with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to assist, looking for additional volunteers

7. Rain Barrel Workshop
 - Laney B proposed holding a rain barrel workshop to be run by Raritan Headwaters on a date convenient to Raritan Headwaters
8. Bioswales and Rain Garden at new Municipal Building
 - Proposal for working with Rutgers on this effort for a possible 2025 Sustainable Jersey grant (Laney)
9. Stormwater Management Ordinance Questions
 - open questions on the Stormwater Management Ordinance

V. Applications Referred by Land Use Board

- None at this time

VI. Information on Conferences and Grants

1. Environmental Conferences and Opportunities
 - 2024 NJ Sustainability Summit, Friday, May 3, 2024, Bell Works, Holmdel, NJ
2. Grant Opportunities
 - None at this time

VII. Comments from the Public on Agenda Items

- None

VIII. Adjournment

- Next meeting – Monday 4/29/2023
- Reminder to check in on idea bank
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XxkJ9l_zvCzhhOCDzskLYWGIWQC9r41_MLrMsWR3s4Y/edit?usp=sharing