

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
*Established April 3, 1970*

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Diane Burgess, Chair  
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**Regular Meeting Agenda: Monday, April 29, 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. Working Session**

1. Sustainable Jersey Certification

- Initial application submitted 2/25/2024 – comments received with next submission due 5/10/2024
  - i. approved : 105 points (of 150 required); 1 priority (of 2 required)
  - ii. must revise: 95 points; 1 priority

2. Well Testing

- Advertising plan

3. Current Sustainable Jersey grant (\$2,000)

- John B provide status of spending to date and proposed additional expenditures

4. DEP Tree Giveaway

- Went very well – any followup needed?
- Possible article for Township newsletter?

5. Email blasts for April, May, June

- April – article on Spring Cleanup (Kevin)
- March – John T will write up article on how to get rid of your lawn/start a meadow

6. Schedule Kevin’s talk

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

**IV. Applications Referred by Land Use Board**

- None at this time

**V. 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
  - Raritan Woods & Waterways Grant Program, due June 7, 2024
    - Planting location must be within 100 feet of the North Branch or South Branch Raritan River and/or their tributaries and must also be a minimum of 300 feet in length along the stream's edge.
    - Would new Municipal Building location make sense?

**VI. Comments from the Public on Agenda Items**

- None

**VII. Adjournment**

- Next meeting – Monday 5/20/2024
- Reminder to check in on idea bank
  - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XxkJ9l\\_zvCzhhOCDzskLYWGIWQC9r41\\_MLrMsWR3s4Y/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XxkJ9l_zvCzhhOCDzskLYWGIWQC9r41_MLrMsWR3s4Y/edit?usp=sharing)