

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Diane Burgess, Chair
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Regular Meeting Agenda: Monday, May 20, 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 Status Updates

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes
2. Sustainable Jersey Certification
 - Updated application submitted 5/10/2024 – comments to be received late June
 - i. approved : 105 points (of 150 required); 1 priority (of 2 required)
 - ii. resubmitted : 65 points; 1 priority
3. Well Testing
 - Any updates at this time?
4. Current Sustainable Jersey grant (\$2,000)
 - John B provide status of spending to date and proposed additional expenditures
5. DEP Tree Giveaway
 - Went very well – any follow-up needed?
 - Possible article for Township newsletter?
6. Stormwater Permits
 - Next steps required, if any?
7. Email blasts for April, May, June
 - April – article on Spring Cleanup (Kevin)
 - May – John T will write up article on how to get rid of your lawn/start a meadow
 - June –
 - July -

8. Schedule Kevin's talk

IV. Applications Referred by Land Use Board

- Fernandes property on corner of Sidney and Spring Hill – we should do an Environmental Assessment
- Note – St. Catherine's application was approved

V. Information on Conferences and Grants

1. Environmental Conferences and Opportunities
 - The Sustainable Hunterdon Hub Spring 2024 meeting will be hosted by the Raritan Township Green Team on May 23, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m at Flemington Shoprite
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

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VII. Adjournment

- Next meeting – Monday 6/29/2024
- Reminder to check in on idea bank
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XxkJ9l_zvCzhhOCDzskLYWGIWQC9r41_MLrMsWR3s4Y/edit?usp=sharing