

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, May 23, 2022; 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)	1/31/2022 Regular & Board	2/22/2022*	3/29/2022*	4/25/2022 5/2/2022	5/23/2022*	6/27/2022	7/25/2022	8/29/2022	9/26/2022	10/31/2022	11/28/2022
Diane Burgess (3 year - 12/31/2022)	√	√	√	√							
John Benscoter (3 year - 12/31/2023)	√	√	√	√							
Lancy Britten (3 year - 12/31/2023)	√	√		√							
John Thonet (3 year - 12/31/2022) – LUB	√	√	√	√							
Kevin Carroll (3 year - 12/31/2022)	√	√	√	√							
Christine Faragalla (alternate)		√									

Other attendees:

III. Comments from the Public

IV. Standard Business

1. Approval of minutes of 11/29/2021 Meeting, 1/31/2022 Reorg Meeting, 1/31/2022 Regular Meeting, 2/22 Regular Meeting, 3/29/2022 Regular Meeting, 5/2/2022 Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission
2. Applications Referred by Land Use Board (None at this time)
3. Report on Land Use Board Activity (John Thonet)

4. Township Committee activities (Diane Burgess)
5. Environmental Conferences and Opportunities
 - Sustainable Jersey Webinars
 - June 24: New Jersey Sustainability Summit – Bell Works 8:00am-4:00pm
6. Grant Opportunities
 - **Sustainable Communities Grant Program:** This grant opportunity will support municipal environmental stewardship and resiliency projects. Learn more [here](#). **Applications are due by June 30, 2022.**
 - Informational flyer:
https://www.sustainablejersey.com/fileadmin/media/Grants_and_Resources/Small_Grants/Atlantic_City_Electric/2022/2022_Sustainable_Communities_Flyer.pdf
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V. **Old/Ongoing Business**

1. Sapling Tree Distribution report – final report submitted
 - Thank you to those who volunteered their time and helped make it a success again
2. Community Well Testing for 2022 (Pick up May 9-May 17 with return on Wed 5/18)
 - Residents with issues should have heard via email
3. Ink Cartridge recycling (Laney) – Advertising campaign
4. Single Use Plastic education program (John B) – Advertising / education program
5. Green Team for Capoolong Trail Maintenance (Elizabeth B) – new date of 6/4/2022

VI. **New Business**

- a. None

VII. **Tabled Items**

- a. Logo for Environmental Commission
 - i. None of the schools' art departments are interested
- b. Environmental Commission event possibly tied to Earth Day 2022
- c. Seminars/Workshops via Zoom (Gail H)
 - i. Should put focus on a Recycling Education seminar for residents
- d. Rain garden and wildflower beds at new municipal building – could possibly get carbon credits (Kevin and Laney)
- e. Waste management and recycling at the township level, possibly in conjunction with Raritan Headwaters (John B)
 - i. What do we want to cover when we Survey Trash Haulers - need further discussion

VIII. **Adjournment**

- Next meeting – Monday 6/27/2022
- Reminder to check in on idea bank
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XxkJ9I_zvCzhhOCDzskLYWGIWQC9r41_MLrMsWR3s4Y/edit?usp=sharing