

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Diane Burgess, Chair
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Regular Meeting Agenda: Monday, June 27, 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 Bencoter (3 year - 12/31/2023)	√	√	√	√	√						
Laney 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

V. Old/Ongoing Business

1. Community Well Testing for 2022 (Pick up May 9-May 17 with return on Wed 5/18)
 - Residents should have received results – 59 residents had testing done

- Requested info on any key issues found that require further community education
- 2. Ink Cartridge recycling (Laney) – Advertising campaign
- 3. Single Use Plastic education program (John B) – Advertising / education program
 - Do we need or want to do anything further?
- 4. Green Team for Capoolong Trail Maintenance (Elizabeth B & John T.) – status

VI. New Business

1. Request Township Committee support a Resolution presented by ANJEC for stormwater management in regards to potential climate crises situations – did we do this?
2. Request Township Committee issue resolution forming Capoolong Creek Cleanup Green Team under EC – who are members, what is goal
3. Panel discussion re control of non-native plants – plan, dates, etc.
4. Next EC initiative to pursue

VII. Tabled Items

- a. Environmental Commission event possibly tied to Earth Day 2023
- b. Seminars/Workshops via Zoom (Gail H)
 - i. Should put focus on a Recycling Education seminar for residents
- c. Rain garden and wildflower beds at new municipal building – could possibly get carbon credits (Kevin and Laney)
- d. 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 7/25/2022
- Reminder to check in on idea bank
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XxkJ9l_zvCzhOCDzskLYWGIWQC9r41_MLrMsWR3s4Y/edit?usp=sharing