

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Diane Burgess, Chair
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Regular Meeting Minutes: Monday, January 31, 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 & Reorg	2/22/2022*	3/29/2022*	4/25/2022	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 Bencotter (3 year - 12/31/2023)	√										
Laney Britten (3 year - 12/31/2023)	√										
John Thonet (3 year - 12/31/2024) – LUB	√										
Kevin Carroll (3 year - 12/31/2024)											
Christine Faragalla (alternate)											

Other attendees:

III. Comments from the Public

IV. Standard Business

1. Approval of minutes of 11/29/2021 Meeting of the Environmental Commission – tabled as minutes not available yet
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)
 - Cannabis Resolution
5. Environmental Conferences and Opportunities
 - Local Planning for Climate Change – ANJEC
 - Forestry Forums – ANJEC
 - The commission discussed and agreed we should have a Forestry Management Plan as well as info on private vs public lands and how much forest land the Township has. Topic tabled at this time until we all learn more.
6. Grant Opportunities
 - Sustainable Jersey grant for NRI – Diane B pursuing with planner

V. Old/Ongoing Business

1. Community Well Testing for 2022 (to be scheduled)
 - We received results for 2020; still waiting for 2021 and special testing
2. Sustainable Jersey Certification renewal
 - Bronze certification approved for 3 years – next due 2024
3. Sapling Tree Distribution

- Application received and all agreed we should apply for as many trees as possible.
 - Can we get Scouts involved – Diane B and John B to follow-up.
4. Ongoing Goals Discussion and Plan of Action –
- Ink Cartridge recycling (Laney) – need to further discuss advertising and use of program.
 - Single Use Plastic education program (John B)
 - John B to check with retailers on their plans and if we should provide bags at Sapling Tree distribution program
 - Possibly hold a zoom for residents with info

VI. New Business

- a. 2022 Goals
- i. The Commission agreed we'd like a logo but not sure how to proceed as schools are not interested in helping

VII. Tabled Items

- a. Environmental Commission event possibly tied to Earth Day 2022
- 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 – Tues 2/22/2022
- Reminder to check in on idea bank
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XxkJ9l_zvCzhhOCDzskLYWGIWQC9r41_MLrMsWR3s4Y/edit?usp=sharing

