

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Diane Burgess, Chair
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Regular Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, February 22, 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 Bencsoter (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: numerous members of the community

III. Comments from the Public

Numerous members of the public voiced their concerns about the Ordinance before the Township Committee on Cannabis Business Implementation. Members of the public who expressed their concerns include John Forrestal, D Broughton, Sandra Dagnall, Roy Buch, Scott Sautner, Sharyn Savezak, Karen Mullen, Sandra Margo, Karen Taylor Broughton, Ingrid Taff, Christina Faragalla, Bruce DeRites.

Mayor Koury thanked everyone for voicing their concerns.

IV. Standard Business

1. Approval of minutes of 11/29/2021 Meeting, 1/31/2022 Reorg Meeting, and 1/31/2022 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)
 - Cannabis Ordinance has been tabled
 - Commission recommended Resolution in Support of the Ability of Municipalities to Adopt Regulations to Protect Public Health, Safety, and Welfare from Threats of Flooding (moved by John T, seconded by Laney B, all in favor)
5. Environmental Conferences and Opportunities
 - None at this time
6. Grant Opportunities
 - Sustainable Jersey grant for NRI – we missed deadline for this year, will watch for future grants.

V. Old/Ongoing Business

1. Community Well Testing for 2022 (Pick up May 9-May 17 with return on Wed 5/18)
 - We received results for 2020; still waiting for 2021 and special testing
 - Advertising campaign for 2022 well testing – flyer to be provided to Commission and posted on website.
2. Sustainable Jersey Certification renewal
 - Bronze certification approved for 3 years – next due 2024
3. Sapling Tree Distribution
 - Submitted request for Thursday 4/21 pickup in Morris County and DPW will pickup. John B will work with DPW to have tre
 - Commission agreed to distribution on Saturday 4/23
 - Advertising campaign will be same as last year with lawn signs and social media postings
 - We do need volunteers to assist - Shirley Sakos will try to get the local Boy Scouts to assist.
4. Ongoing Goals Discussion and Plan of Action –
 - Ink Cartridge recycling (Laney) – Advertising campaign
 - Box is at the municipal building, website will provide a self-addressed envelope for those interested in mailing it themselves
 - Single Use Plastic education program (John B) –
 - John B registered for Sustainable Jersey webinar in May and reconnected with stores in the North area re reusable bags which may not be feasible at this time.

VI. New Business

- a. TerraCycle
 - Commission agreed that since it is very expensive and some companies are not happy with the service, we would not pursue it.
- b. Battery Recycling
 - Kevin C will pursue for next meeting

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 – Tuesday 3/29/2022 via Zoom
 - Moved by John B, seconded by Kevin C to adjourn, all in favor
- Reminder to check in on idea bank
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XxkJ9l_zvCzhhOCDzskLYWGIWQC9r41_MLrMsWR3s4Y/edit?usp=sharing

