

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Diane Burgess, Chair
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Regular Meeting Minutes: Monday, May 2, 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 5/2/2022	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)	√	√	√	√							
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: Elizabeth Basile, Ingrid Taff

III. Comments from the Public

- Residents requested info on having the Township provide garbage and recycling pickup adding it as a tax to residents. Diane B will discuss with Township Committee.

IV. Standard Business

- Approval of minutes of 11/29/2021 Meeting, 1/31/2022 Reorg Meeting, 1/31/2022 Regular Meeting and 2/22 Regular Meeting and 3/29/2022 Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission
 - tabled pending distribution of draft minutes
- Applications Referred by Land Use Board (None at this time)
- Report on Land Use Board Activity (John Thonet) – nothing new at this time
- Township Committee activities (Diane Burgess) – brief summary of latest activity provided
- Environmental Conferences and Opportunities
 - Sustainable Jersey Webinars
 - May 5: New Jersey WasteWise Business Network
 - June 24: New Jersey Sustainability Summit
- Grant Opportunities
 - No active grant opportunities at this time

V. Old/Ongoing Business

- Sapling Tree Distribution report
 - Thank you especially to Elizabeth Basile and Frank Tota 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)
 - Advertising campaign for 2022 well testing –
 - will have Municipal Clerk do 2 email blasts – recommend a baseline test as well as anything of note in the past
 - Elizabeth will post on Facebook pages
 - Diane B will post in post offices and on Next Door
 - Commission suggested a “Take a chance for a free basic test” if there are more than 100 residents who participate – moved by Laney B, seconded by John B, all in favor
3. Ink Cartridge recycling (Laney) – Advertising campaign
 - Elizabeth will evaluate how to make it more obvious
4. Single Use Plastic education program (John B) – Advertising / education program

VI. New Business

- a. Capoolong Trail maintenance
 - Laney B suggested creating a Green Team focused on the Capoolong Trail maintenance issues. There will be a “walk and talk the trail” on Saturday 5/21 at 9am, led by Elizabeth Basile and Frank Tota. John T will also join them.
- b. National Compost Day is 5/29/2022. There is not much to benefit us at this time.

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 – Monday 5/23/2022
 - 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