

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Diane Burgess, Chair
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Regular Meeting Agenda: Monday, August 29, 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 |
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| 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 - 12/31/2022) – LUB | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | | |
| Kevin Carroll (3 year - 12/31/2022) | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | | |
| Christine Faragalla (alternate) | | √ | | | √ | | | | | | |
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Other attendees:

III. Comments from the Public

IV. Standard Business

1. Approval of minutes of 7/25/2022 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
 - Webinar- **September 7; 12-1 PM**: The Challenge of Stormwater: What Public Officials & Local Leaders can do to Prevent Flood Disaster
Hosted by NJLCV and WaterSpirit
Speakers: Brianne Callahan (NJFuture); Jennifer Coffey (ANJEC); Dave Canaan (Raftelis)
 - **September 15 7PM** - First in a series of Climate Change Webinars; Keynote Speaker Dr. Jennifer Francis from Woodwell Climate Research Center to discuss how climate change is connected to the warming of the Arctic
 - ANJEC's 49th Annual Environmental Congress will be a hybrid event beginning on **Tuesday, October 11th**, including two virtual sessions daily and concluding with an in-person event on Friday, October 14th
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6. Grant Opportunities
 - DriveGreen@nj.dep.gov
 - https://www.nj.gov/dep/drivegreen/plugin.html?utm_campaign=20220722digest_b&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

- Does someone want to take the lead on a proposal for a charging station at the new municipal building?

V. **Old/Ongoing Business**

1. Community Well Testing Results for 2022
 - 59 residents participated
 - Discussion of any areas of concerns identified
2. Ink Cartridge recycling (Laney and John B) –
 - Poster explaining how program works (Diane)
3. Green Team for Capoolong Trail Maintenance (Elizabeth B) –
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4. Presentation on Invasive Species (Kevin C)
5. Environmental/Natural Resource Inventory Update (Diane)

VI. **New Business**

- a. Rogers Pond – Diane to update info in Idea Bank
- b. Inflation Reduction Act includes massive climate legislation – do we want to do an education program associated with it
- c. Trash and recycling collection at Township level
 - i. Does someone want to lead to do proposal with cost/benefit analysis
- d. Forestry Management Plan with focus on ash trees impacted by Emerald Ash Borer
 - i. Does someone want to take the lead on this?

VII. **Tabled Items**

- a. Environmental Commission event possibly tied to Earth Day 2022
- b. Seminars/Workshops via Zoom
 - 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 9/26/2022
- Reminder to check in on idea bank
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XxkJ9l_zvCzhhOCDzskLYWGIWQC9r41_MLrMsWR3s4Y/edit?usp=sharing