

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
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)		√			√						
Elizabeth Basile (Capoolong Creek)								√			

Other attendees: Liz Shaw, Frank Tota, Shirl, Jim Barker, Irv Taylor, Sharyn Sawczak, Luann, Ingrid Taff, Bruce DeRites, John Forrestal

III. Comments from the Public

- None

IV. Standard Business

1. Approval of minutes of 7/25/2022 Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission
 - Moved by Laney, Seconded by John T, all in favor
2. Applications Referred by Land Use Board (None at this time)
3. Report on Land Use Board Activity (John Thonet)
 - Wendy's application for Walmart Plaza approved
4. Township Committee activities (Diane Burgess)
 - New Municipal Building is progressing; Farmland Preservation was discussed
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
 - John T planning to attend
 - **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
 - New Jersey Clean Energy Conference - **October 3 & 4, 2022**, Harrah's Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ

- 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
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
 - John B and Laney will take the lead on a proposal for a charging station at the new municipal building
 - Laney has added a tab to the data bank for green grants and other environmental opportunities

V. Old/Ongoing Business

1. Community Well Testing Results for 2022
 - 59 residents participated
 - Discussion was held regarding areas of concerns identified; determined sample sizes are too small
 - May want to include historical information in future adertusbg
2. Green Team for Capoolong Trail Maintenance (Elizabeth B) –
 - Fish and Wildlife closed trail due to unsafe conditions; waiting for more info from them on a plan
3. Presentation on Invasive Species (Kevin C)
 - Will be done next meeting; Laney will send info out; Elizabeth B will put on FaceBook

VI. New Business

- a. Rogers Pond – Diane to update info in Idea Bank
- b. Inflation Reduction Act includes massive climate legislation
 - i. Laney will add a tab to the data bank until we get more info to discuss further
- c. Trash and recycling collection at Township level
 - i. Diane will request cost/benefit analysis from CFO
- d. Forestry Management Plan with focus on ash trees impacted by Emerald Ash Borer
 - i. Information is on the website; Elizabeth B posted info on FaceBook
- e. Wells going dry in Township
 - i. Issue raided by Jim Parker and Bruce DeRites. These are typically old wells that were shallow (150-175ft)

VII. Adjournment

- Moved by John B, seconded by Kevin, all in favor of adjournment at 9:27pm
- 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