

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Diane Burgess, Chair
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Regular Meeting Minutes: Monday, October 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 & 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 Trail)								√	√		

Other attendees: Bruce DeRites, Ingrid Taff, Sharyn Sawczak, Michael Kravec, Ally Taff

III. Comments from the Public

- None

IV. Standard Business

1. Approval of minutes of 8/29/2022 and 9/26/2022 Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission
2. Applications Referred by Land Use Board
 - Diane to check with LUB Clerk re Solar Farm Application
3. Report on Land Use Board Activity (John Thonet)
4. Township Committee activities (Diane Burgess)
 - An Open Space Committee is being created; John B has volunteered to be on committee
5. 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 investigating for 2023
 - Discussion held regarding need to recruit people who are grant writers

V. Old/Ongoing Business

1. Trick or Trash box – great success
2. Community Well Testing Results for 2022
 - Information has been added to the Data Bank

- The Commission discussed how to increase number of residents doing well testing perhaps by doing some increased marketing and/or developing an email list specifically for Environmental issues
- 3. Green Team for Capoolong Trail Maintenance (Elizabeth B) – no update
- 4. Issues with wells going dry in the Township – no update
- 5. Trash and recycling collection at Township level
 - Diane to get any analysis that CFO did
- 6. Emerald Ash Borer
 - Information is on website so hopefully people can become more aware, especially that insurance may not cover any impacts

VI. **Adjournment**

- Moved by John B, Seconded by Laney, to adjourn at 9:07pm
- Next meeting – Monday 11/28/2022
- Reminder to check in on idea bank
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XxkJ9l_zvCzhhOCDzskLYWGIWQC9r41_MLrMsWR3s4Y/edit?usp=sharing