

# FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Diane Burgess, Chair  
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## Regular Meeting Agenda: Monday, September 26, 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:

### III. Presentation – Meadows and Wildflowers

### IV. Comments from the Public

### V. Standard Business

1. Approval of minutes of 8/29/2022 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: Fracked Plastic – **Tuesday September 27, 2022** – <https://www.beyondplastics.org/events>
  - Stormwater Virtual Breakfast Talk – **Tuesday September 27, 2022** – <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/planning.htm>
  - 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 14<sup>th</sup>
6. Grant Opportunities
  - [DriveGreen@nj.dep.gov](mailto:DriveGreen@nj.dep.gov)

- [https://www.nj.gov/dep/drivegreen/plugin.html?utm\\_campaign=20220722digest\\_b&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.nj.gov/dep/drivegreen/plugin.html?utm_campaign=20220722digest_b&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
- John B investigating
- <https://blog.landscapeprofessionals.org/inflation-reduction-act-features-tax-credit-for-commercial-grade-electric-lawn-mowers/> 30% off electric mowers

## **VI. Old/Ongoing Business**

1. Community Well Testing Results for 2022
  - Discussion of any areas of concerns identified
2. Green Team for Capoolong Trail Maintenance (Elizabeth B) –
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3. Issues with wells going dry in the Township
4. Ink Cartridge recycling
  - Poster explaining how program works (Diane)
5. Environmental/Natural Resource Inventory Update (Diane)
6. Rogers Pond – Diane to update info in Idea Bank
7. Trash and recycling collection at Township level
  - Diane to get any analysis that CFO did
8. Forestry Management Plan with focus on ash trees impacted by Emerald Ash Borer
  - Information is on website

## **VII. New Business**

1. Trick or Trash box – where to locate and publicize

## **VIII. Adjournment**

- Next meeting – Monday 10/31/2022
- Reminder to check in on idea bank
  - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XxkJ9l\\_zvCzhOCDzskLYWGIWQC9r41\\_MLrMsWR3s4Y/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XxkJ9l_zvCzhOCDzskLYWGIWQC9r41_MLrMsWR3s4Y/edit?usp=sharing)