

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Diane Burgess, Chair
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Regular Meeting Agenda: Monday, February 27, 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)	1/16/2023 Special & Reorg	1/30/2023	2/27/2023	3/27/2023	4/24/2023	5/22/2023*	6/26/2023	7/31/2023	8/28/2023	9/25/2023	10/30/2023	11/27/2023
Diane Burgess (3 year - 12/31/2025)	√	√										
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:

III. Comments from the Public on Agenda Items Only

IV. Applications Referred by Land Use Board

- Solar Farm on Croton Rd – EC report sent to LUB & applicant; hearing to be continued on March 8, /2023

V. Standard Business

- Approval of minutes of 8/29/2022, 9/26/2022, 10/31/2022, 11/28/2022 Regular Meeting and 1/16/2023 Reorg and Special Meeting and 1/30/2023 Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission – to be tabled until minutes available for review
- Report on Land Use Board Activity (John Thonet)
- Township Committee activities

VI. Old Business

- Tree Recovery Campaign Distribution – application filed, pickup 4/20, distribution 4/22/2023
 - Reminder re advertising
- Sustainable Jersey grant application - status
- Annual Report to Township Committee
- Annual Resolutions by Township Committee in support of Sustainable Actions

VII. New Business

- ANJEC grants of up to \$1500 each for local stewardship projects – due 4/17/2023
 - Eligible project locations: Municipal or other parcel(s) that are preserved open space.
 - Eligible Expenses: materials, speakers, professional services, printing, mailing, advertising.
 - Possible projects

2. Possible future projects – should we pursue
 - Solar field recommendations – updates to solar ordinance
 - Should the commission be tracking solar equipment installed by residents of Franklin Township

VIII. Information on Conferences and Grants

1. Environmental Conferences and Opportunities
 - Dams & Dam Removals in NJ – Wednesday, Feb 1st 7:00pm, North Country Branch Library (hclibrary.libcal.com to register)
 - ANJEC Virtual Seminar: Environmental Commission Powers & Responsibilities - Tuesday, March 21, 7:00pm
 - ANJEC Virtual Seminar: Creating/Updating a Municipal ERI/NRI - Wednesday, March 22nd, Noon
 - ANJEC Virtual Seminar: The New Stormwater Permitting Rules, Stormwater Utility Planning - Wednesday, March 22nd, 7:00pm
 - ANJEC Virtual Seminar: Land Use: The Municipal Master Plan, Municipal Ordinances - Thursday, March 23rd, Noon
 - ANJEC Virtual Seminar: Site Plan Review, Green Infrastructure/Stormwater Plan Overview, Thursday, March 23rd, 7:00pm
 - ANJEC In-Person Session: *Advanced Environmental Commission Strategies & Networking* - Saturday, April 1, 10am-12:30pm: Fort Monmouth Recreation Center
5. Grant Opportunities
 - ANJEC grants of up to \$1500 each for local stewardship projects

IX. Additional Comments from the Public

X. Adjournment

- Next meeting – Monday 3//2023
- Reminder to check in on idea bank
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XxkJ9l_zvCzhOCDzskLYWGIWQC9r41_MLrMsWR3s4Y/edit?usp=sharing