

# FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

*Established April 3, 1970*

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Diane Burgess, Chair  
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## Regular Meeting Agenda: Monday, March 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. Applications Referred by Land Use Board

- Solar Farm on Croton Rd – EC report sent to LUB & applicant; hearing to be continued on April 12, 2023

### IV. 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
- Report on Land Use Board Activity (John Thonet)
- Township Committee activities
- Report from ANJEC Seminars

### V. Old Business

- Tree Recovery Campaign Distribution – application filed, pickup 4/20, distribution 4/22/2023
- Well Testing – Pick up May 8-16, drop off May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Flyers and information to be available at 4/22 Tree Sapling Distribution
- Sustainable Jersey grant application - status
- 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
- Annual Report to Township Committee and Annual Resolutions by Township Committee in support of Sustainable Actions

### VI. New Business

- Possible future projects – should we pursue

- Monthly environmental newsletter to Township residents
- Solar field recommendations – updates to solar ordinance
- Should the commission be tracking solar equipment installed by residents of Franklin Township

## **VII. Information on Conferences and Grants**

1. Environmental Conferences and Opportunities
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2. Grant Opportunities
  - ANJEC grants of up to \$1500 each for local stewardship projects (<https://anjec.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023Grant-ApplicationandInstructions.pdf>)

## **VIII. Comments from the Public**

## **IX. Adjournment**

- Next meeting – Monday 4/24/2023
- 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)