

# FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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## Regular Meeting Agenda: Monday, August 28, 2023; 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 (cancelled)	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)	√		√	√	√	√	√					

Other attendees:

### III. Applications Referred by Land Use Board

- None at this time

### IV. Standard Business

1. Approval of minutes of 3/27/2023, 4/24/2023, 5/22/2023, 6/26/2023 Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission (Tabled)
2. Report on Land Use Board Activity (John Thonet)
3. Township Committee activities

### V. Old Business

1. Sustainable Jersey grant application – received \$2000 grant for signs, supplies, etc.
  - Status of purchases
2. Sustainable Jersey certification renewal for 2024 –
  - Report from HUB meeting with County (Laney)
  - Trunk or Treat discussion (Laney)
3. USDA grant workshop report (John B)
4. Schedule talk on Composting (Kevin)
5. Monthly environmental newsletter to Township residents – discuss John Thonet’s suggestion re rain gardens
6. Rain Gardens and Bioswales at new Municipal Building - opportunity with Rutgers – status report (Laney)
7. Well Testing – 35 residents participated, waiting for summary of results

### VI. New Business

1. Radon Testing – grant application ongoing (Laney)

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

1. Environmental Conferences and Opportunities
  - 2024 NJ Sustainability Summit, Friday, May 3, 2024, Bell Works, Holmdel, NJ
  - Discover Your Town's Age-Friendly Future, Friday, September 22, 2023, 9:30am - 12:00pm
    - Moses Training and Meeting Center, Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road
    - Strategies for tips on how to complete Sustainable Jersey's [Community Design for All Ages](#) action
    - [Register](#)
2. Grant Opportunities
  - Radon Testing grant

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

## **IX. Adjournment**

- Next meeting – Monday 9/25/2023
- 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)