

1. EC Meeting Documents
Agenda, Draft Minutes & Correspondence

Documents:

[E.C. AGENDA 7-22-19.PDF](#)
[MTG 7_22_19.PDF](#)
[EC MINUTES 1-28-19 .PDF](#)
[EC MINUTES 2-25-19.PDF](#)
[EC MINUTES 5-20-19.PDF](#)

**East Amwell Township
Environmental Commission
Business Meeting
July 22, 2019
7:30 p.m. East Amwell Municipal Building**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

In compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” notice is hereby given that the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission has scheduled their Business Meeting for July 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Municipal Building. Notice of this meeting was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat March 21, 2019. Copies of the agenda were sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat and posted on the Township bulletin board, where it has remained continuously posted as required under Statute. A copy of the notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

3. FLAG SALUTE

4. ROLL CALL

5. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

- January 28, 2019 Reorganization
- February 25, 2019
- May 20, 2019

6. PRESENTATION OF BILLS For APPROVAL

7. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

8. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- EA Clean Communities Program

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**East Amwell Township
Environmental Commission
Business Meeting
July 22, 2019
7:30 p.m. East Amwell Municipal Building**

11. REPORTS:

- Financial Update
- Committee Liaison Reports
 - AG Advisory
 - Planning Board
 - Township Committee
 - Recycling
 - FOSPC
- Sub Committee Reports
 - Public Outreach
 - Site Review
 - ERI/NRI

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- EC Annual Report
- Committee Liaison Positions
- EC Membership

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- Goals 2019 and Beyond

14. CORRESPONDENCE:

- E-Mail dated 7-15-19, NJTV – New Jersey Public Television re: Forum 7/24/19 - Facing the Future of climate Change in NJ
- E-Mail dated 7-15-19, ANJEC re: Forum 7/23/19 – Ditching Disposables
- E-Mail dated 7-9-19, New Jersey Land Trust Network re: Partnerships- Conservation Organizations and Farmland Workshop 7/29/19

15. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

16. NEXT MEETING

August 26, 2019

**East Amwell Township
Environmental Commission
Business Meeting
July 22, 2019
7:30 p.m. East Amwell Municipal Building**

17. ADJOURN

cc:: Env. Com. Members	Board of Adjustment	Board of Health
Twp. Com. & Clerk	Democrat Newspaper	Recreation Com.
Twp. Bulletin Brd.	Trenton Times	Recycling Com.
Planning Board	Associate Members	Agric. Adv. Com.
Farmland & Open Space Preservation		



IN
YOUR

NEIGHBORHOOD

CAPE MAY

Community Forum

Facing the Future of Climate Change in NJ

Wed. July 24, 2019 | 6pm-8:30pm

Lower Cape May Regional High School

687 Route 9, Cape May, NJ 08204

Join the discussion with a panel of experts to assess the latest scientific research on the topic of climate change, from rising sea levels to environmental impact to quality of life and economic issues.

WHAT: Free, open-to-the-public panel discussion with Q&A on the impact of climate change on NJ.

Learn how the Garden State is affected by changing weather patterns and storms like Hurricane Sandy, and the resulting state and local strategies to combat it.

See clips from NJTV's documentary on climate change, **Facing the Future**, a local companion to PBS's national *Sinking Cities* series, produced by WNET's *Peril and Promise* initiative.

PANEL (subject to change): **George T. DiFerdinando**, Jr., MD, MPH, FACP, Steering Committee, NJ Climate Change Alliance & Chair, Princeton Board of Health; **Dr. Daphne Munroe**, Associate Professor in Shellfish Fisheries and Aquaculture, Rutgers University; **Jenny Shinn**, Program Coordinator Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory, Rutgers University, and **Dr. Lenore Tedesco**, Executive Director of the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor, NJ.

Walk-ins welcome. Pre-register to guarantee a seat.

RSVP by email at betancourts@njtvonline.org, by phone at 973-233-8398, or visit www.njtvcommunityforum.eventbrite.com

CAN'T ATTEND? Watch via livestream at [NJTVonline - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

NJTV's In Your Neighborhood Initiative is made possible by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Peril and Promise: The Challenge of Climate Change is a cross-platform public media project from WNET in New York reporting on the human stories of climate change, designed to provide context and fact-based journalism to public media audiences, on air and online. Find all stories at pbs.org/perilandpromise. The views expressed in the programming do not necessarily reflect the views of the sponsors and partners.



Gail Brewi <gbrewi@eastamwelltownship.com>

Fwd: Ditching Disposables Forum, July 23

1 message

Patsy Wang-Iverson <pwangiverson@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 15, 2019 at 11:19 AM

To: rwolfe@eastamwelltownship.com, Erica Johanson <stoneybrook50@comcast.net>, Chantal Napoleon <chantal.napoleon@gmail.com>, rgeorgett@eastamwelltownship.com, Joe Angelone <jang2364@gmail.com>, James Edwards <njhorsedentist@yahoo.com>, Frances Gavigan <frangavig@gmail.com>, Kevin Ostrander <kostrander@eastamwelltownship.com>
Cc: Gail Brewi <gbrewi@eastamwelltownship.com>

Please do not reply to all.

Have registered. Hope to see some of you there.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jennifer M. Coffey" <info@anjec.org>
Date: July 15, 2019 at 10:56:03 AM EDT
To: pwangiverson@gmail.com
Subject: Ditching Disposables Forum, July 23
Reply-To: info@anjec.org

***Ditching Disposables****Tuesday, July 23, Lambertville****What?***

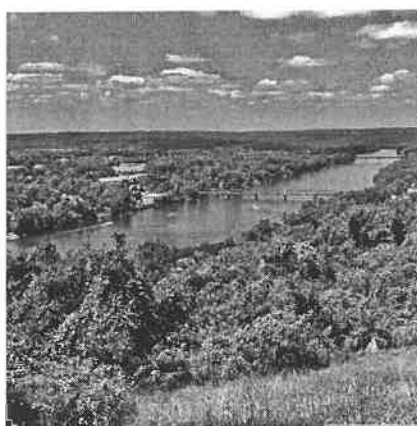
Ditching Disposables
Tuesday, July 23rd
7:00pm - 9:00pm

The Lambertville House

**32 Bridge Street
Lambertville**

Please join us for a regional plastics forum aimed to inspire local action through policy and stewardship to reduce single-use plastic consumption and pollution in the Delaware River Watershed communities.

Come learn and share best practices on education, ordinances and implementation.



Where/When?

**Tuesday, July 23
7:00pm
The Lambertville House
32 Bridge Street
Lambertville**

RSVP

No cost for ANJEC members, \$10 non-members;
To register, email info@anjec.org or call 973-539-7547.
Refreshments will be served.



*This project was partially funded by
the Lower Delaware
Wild & Scenic Management Council
with support
from the National
Park Service.*



Successful Collaborations between Conservation Groups and Farmers

Monday, July 29

10-noon

Duke Farms

**1112 Dukes Pkwy W, Hillsborough
Township, NJ 08844**

Continuing the series of meetings convened by the Foodshed Alliance and the New Jersey Land Trust Network, this gathering will provide examples about how conservation organizations are partnering to encourage agricultural production. An update on New Jersey initiatives designed to connect prospective and established farmers with preserved farmland will also be described.

**Foodshed Alliance
Sustainable Agriculture Enterprise (SAGe)**

In partnership with
The Nature Conservancy and Ridge and Valley Conservancy



Program:

Sustainable Agriculture Enterprise (SAGe)
Kendrya Close, Foodshed Alliance

Farmland Advisors New Jersey
Erica Goodman, American Farmland Trust

The Field to Farm Project
Amanda Brockwell, Monmouth Conservation Foundation

Carbon Farming and Lessons Learned from the Incubator
Michael Catania, Duke Farms

Discussions will be encouraged throughout the program. You are encouraged to continue the networking and information sharing during lunch (at your cost) at Duke's onsite Farm Barn Café.

REGISTER HERE

Please register for this FREE workshop by July 26 at this [link](#):



New Jersey Conservation
F O U N D A T I O N

Land Trust Network is part of New Jersey Conservation Foundation's

**MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Reorganization Meeting
January 28, 2019
7:30 P.M**

CALL TO ORDER:

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

The January 28, 2019 Reorganization Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Secretary, G. Brewi announced that this reorganization meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. This is a Reorganization Meeting of the East Amwell Environmental Commission, as published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on December 20, 2018. A copy of tonight’s agenda was filed with the Township Clerk and the Township Committee, forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, distributed to the various East Amwell Township Committees and Boards, and was posted on the Township Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL:

ATTENDANCE 2019:

Environmental Commission Member	1/28/19	2/25/19	3/25/19	4/22/19	5/20/19	6/24/19	7/22/19	8/26/19	9/23/19	10/28/19	11/25/19	12/16/19
Joe Angelone	X											
James Edwards												
Frances Gavigan	X											
Tom Rue	X											
Patsy Wang-Iverson	X											
Lisa Davis	x											
Kevin Ostrander (alt. I)	X											

*Others present: Gail Brewi, Mara Tippet (Raritan Headwaters), Alison Castellano
Township Committee Liaison: None Present*

REORGANIZATION DISCUSSION:

F. Gavigan raised concerns with holding the reorganizational meeting, conducting business, and making decisions based upon her interpretation of the requirements under the East Amwell Township Ordinance, Chapter 14, and the State Statute N.J.40:56A-1 regarding an Environmental Commission; appointment; term; and vacancies. Secretary, G. Brewi provided as correspondence, an e-mail response dated January 28th from Mayor R. Wolf addressing the questions raised by Member, F. Gavigan. Mayor Wolfe suggested, that it is up to the members of the environmental commission to determine whether to hold it’s meeting but, as pointed out by Member F. Gavigan, the statute states that “the Mayor of the municipality shall designate one member to serve as the chairperson and

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Reorganization Meeting
January 28, 2019
7:30 P.M

presiding officer of the commission”. Once determination is made regarding the direction of the potential integration among township committees a determination of a chairperson(s) and membership can be made.

Member L. Davis commented that the Environmental Commission has been conducting business under the direction of a co-chair during her term in the absence of a chair and therefore, in the absence of a designated chair for reorganization the same designated co-chair member could run the reorganization meeting. Further discussion took place regarding the possible merging of township committees which would require an ordinance to repeal the adopted ordinance and a public hearing. Members agreed that the appropriate forum for discussion of potential committee merging would be at the next Township Committee meeting. Member F. Gavigan nor any other members objected, and the reorganization meeting proceeded.

Member P. Wang-Iverson asked T. Rue to re-join the Environmental Commission as a member for the reorganization meeting and until a successor is appointed per the Township Ordinance which states “the term of such membership shall be for three years and until appointment and qualifications of their successors”. Alternate No. 1, K. Ostrander and member of the Township Committee addressed T. Rue’s concerns by stating that the Township Committee appreciates the time and commitment from volunteers and that due to potential consolidation of committees there were no appointment made at this time. Membership would be addressed once the direction was decided regarding the township committees.

Co-Chair, L. Davis declined a nomination by T. Rue to be recommended as Environmental Commission Chair. Motion to recommend Member J. Angelone as Environmental Commission Chair to the Mayor was made by L. Davis and seconded by P. Wang-Iverson. There were none opposed. K. Ostrander and F. Gavigan abstained. Nomination of Member J. Angelone to be recommend to the Mayor as the Environmental Commission Chair was unanimously approved.

Member F. Gavigan raised a concern about the determination of meeting dates for 2019. It was suggested that meeting dates could be adjusted to be held prior to Planning Board Meeting to eliminate possible approvals without input. Member J. Angelone asked for further consideration prior to changing the monthly meeting dates and expressed a conflict on a meeting day other than Monday. Commission members agreed to hold the next meeting on February 25th. Member F. Gavigan will reach out to the Planning Board Chair and obtain input. Future meeting dates will be determined at the February meeting and will be noticed to the public.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: November 26, 2018 Business Meeting
Minutes of November 26, 2019: Motion to approve the draft minutes was made by T. Rue and seconded by P. Wang-Iverson. There were none opposed. F, Gavigan and K. Ostrander abstained. Minutes were unanimously approved with minor edits from P. Wang-Iverson.

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Reorganization Meeting
January 28, 2019
7:30 P.M

BILLS OF THE EVENING

Secretary G. Brewi asked for approval of payment for the 2019 ANJEC Dues and information from each member for the membership list. Membership needs to be handled soon as training begins in March. Motion to approve payment of \$350 for the 2019 ANJEC dues was made by J. Angelone and seconded by P. Wang-Iverson. There were none opposed. None abstained. Payment to ANJEC for 2019 membership fees was unanimously approved.

LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS

Secretary G. Brewi noted that the additions; Environmental Commission Township Ordinance and consideration of combining Environmental, Recycling, and/or the Green Team committees were previously discussed at the beginning of the meeting as reorganization discussions.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Co-Chair, L. Davis asked for a motion to open to the public. Motion was made by T. Rue and seconded by P. Wang-Iverson.

Alison Castellano informed commission that Rosemary Georgett is the Township Clean Communities Person and has received her certification.

Motion to close to the public was made by J. Angelone and seconded by L. Davis.

REPORTS:

Financial Report

Secretary G. Brewi provided update. The Environmental Commission was provided an approved operating budget of \$4,050 for 2019. The budget was approved as requested except for funding allocated for ERI.

Committee Liaison Reports: Members reviewed liaisons and updated as follows. Will address possible liaison for Board of Health at the next meeting.

AG Advisory - (F. Gavigan) No Report Provided.

If any member is interested in taking over, it would be welcomed as F. Gavigan has had difficulty getting to the meetings.

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Reorganization Meeting
January 28, 2019
7:30 P.M

Planning Board (F. Gavigan)

Liaison F. Gavigan updated. Planning Board has a new Chair, Gail Glashoff. She has 30 years of experience in the industry and is the new Statewide President of Professionals. She will bring experience, defined procedures and processes to make it easier for internal staff and residents in the township.

Member P. Wang-Iverson asked about the Planning Board Master Plan and the updates provided. F. Gavigan only recalls a plan for an overlay of the Affordable Housing element and will inquire. Liaison F. Gavigan to follow up as the commission believes that State Law requires Master Plan updates every five years.

Township Committee (R. Wolf)

Township Committee Member K. Ostrander had nothing additional to report as ERI was previously discussed.

Recycling Committee (T. Rue)

No report provided.

Recreation Committee (TBD – J. Edwards to advise availability)

No report as there is currently no liaison.

Farmland/Open Space Preservation Committee (T. Rue)

No report provided.

Sub-Committee Reports: Members for sub committees reviewed and reflected as follows:

Public Outreach Committee (L. Davis, P. Wang-Iverson, J. Edwards)

Co-Chair L. Davis updated that the subcommittee met in December and created a road map for implementation onto the new web site. Clarification was sought for protocol moving forward to implement changes. Member P. Wang-Iverson asked about posting updates for viewing and review by members prior to going live on the Township web site.

Alison Castellano updated that (1) person should have publishing rights. Other commission members could have viewable rights with their own username and password. Member L. Davis as member of public outreach will train with A. Castellano to put new content on the web site for viewing by commission members. A. Castellano will provide members with individual usernames and passwords to view proposed content.

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Reorganization Meeting
January 28, 2019
7:30 P.M

Secretary, G. Brewi inquired about Environmental members access to Notify Me on the Township web site. Environmental Commission members would like to continue receiving agendas and minutes via e-mail from secretary. Once learning curve has been worked through new process may be established.

Site Review Committee (J. Angelone, T. Rue & F. Gavigan)

Member J. Angelone updated re: application for 23 Mountain Road, B 40.02 L 17 and B 40.03 L 3 for a variance for a side yard setback. Property is a grandfathered lot with constraints. The environmental concerns relate to water run off with the amount of water already on the property. F. Gavigan to conduct site visit and provide feedback to J. Angelone to draft Environmental Commission recommendation.

Easements Committee (J. Angelone, T. Rue & P. Wang-Iverson)

No report provided.

NRI/ERI (L. Davis, F. Gavigan)

Co-Chair L. Davis updated the group that she has requested to be on the Township Agenda to discuss at the next meeting. Any members with input please forward to L. Davis. Update and outcome of initiative to be provided to the commission at the February meeting. No update to report on the pilot program eligibility currently.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TREX Program: Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church is very close to reaching the second 500 lb. goal. DPW will take the lead for the third 500 pounds and Living Waters Church the fourth 500 pounds. Stop and Shop is on board again as a TREX partner for collection of the plastic bags.

Member of the public, A. Castellano suggested that the individual groups earning the bench execute and provide manpower necessary to collect the 500 lbs. The Grange is also interested in working toward a bench and the Township Recycling Committee in the future. Suggestion was also made that the DPW can empty collection bins when they are overflowing at the municipal building.

Green Team Committee: K. Ostrander updated that there have been (2) application received to date. Follow up will be made at next Township Committee meeting.

VIP Articles: Member P. Wang-Iverson updated future articles will be written as follows: February - Delaware Township winning school essay, March - well water testing, and May - free tree seedlings (a total of 800 seedlings) for residents.

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Reorganization Meeting
January 28, 2019
7:30 P.M

Color Run: will be held May 4th. Suggestion was made to give-away tree seedlings at this event. Member P. Wang-Iverson suggested allocating 600 seedlings for give-away at the event. Each resident can have up to five.

Hunterdon County Community Day: No date provided yet.

Plant Swap: Expected to be held on May 18th. Member P. Wang-Iverson recommended an allocation of the remaining 200 free tree seedlings being provided for the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Residential Well Testing Program: Co-Chair L. Davis introduced Maria Tippett, Well Testing Program Manager from Raritan Headwaters. The residential well testing program will be offered April 1st through April 12th for East Amwell residents. Kits will be available at the municipal office from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for a nominal fee with no increase from last year. The return date for kits will be Tuesday, April 16th. East Amwell has 1,774 households with wells and less than 12 homes (at the border of Raritan Township) with certified public water. Community participation is usually 2% to 5% with East Amwell having approximately 50 participants annually. Member P. Wang-Iverson asked how the commission could increase participation and increase awareness. Use of the Township website, flyers, local school PTO and a VIP article were suggested as ways to increase awareness.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was no need to re-open to the public.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- E-mail Communication dated 1/2/19, Krista Parsons re: Planning Board Application Deemed Incomplete for 23 Mountain Road B/40.02 L/17 and B/40.03 L/3
- E-Mail Communication dated 1/7/19, State of NJ DEP re: General Permit Withdrawal B/41 L/8
- E-Mail Communication dated 1/10/19, Watershed Institute re: Owls, Hikes & other Winter Adventure
- E-Mail Communication dated 1/10/19, Alison Castellano re: Township Website Notifications, Posting & Member Updates
- Environmental Training, Winter 2019 – Rutgers
- E-Mail Communication dated 1/16/19, Krista Parsons re: Planning Board, Revised Variance Application for 23 Mountain Road, B/40.02 L/17 and B/40.03 L/3

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Reorganization Meeting
January 28, 2019
7:30 P.M

- E-Mail Communication dated 11-7-18, The Watershed Institute re: Green Infrastructure Certification.

ADJOURNMENT: Co-Chair L. Davis asked for a motion to close the meeting. Motion was made by J. Angelone and seconded by P. Wang-Iverson and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Gail Brewi
Environmental Commission Secretary

DRAFT

**MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Business Meeting
February 25, 2019
7:30 P.M**

CALL TO ORDER:

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

The February 25, 2019 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Secretary, G. Brewi announced that this business meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. This is a Business Meeting of the East Amwell Environmental Commission, as published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on February 14, 2018. A copy of tonight’s agenda was filed with the Township Clerk and the Township Committee, forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, distributed to the various East Amwell Township Committees and Boards, and was posted on the Township Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL:

ATTENDANCE 2019:

Environmental Commission Member	1/28/19	2/25/19	3/25/19	4/22/19	5/20/19	6/24/19	7/22/19	8/26/19	9/23/19	10/28/19	11/25/19	12/16/19
Joe Angelone	X											
James Edwards												
Frances Gavigan	X	Via Phone										
Tom Rue	X	X										
Patsy Wang-Iverson	X	X										
Lisa Davis	x	X										
Kevin Ostrander (alt. I)	X											

*Others present: Gail Brewi, Andrea Bonette, Kathy Wolfe
Township Committee Liaison: None Present*

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: February 25, 2019 Business Meeting
Minutes of February 25, 2019: Motion to carry approval of the draft minutes was made by L. Davis and seconded by P. Wang-Iverson due to an insufficient number of eligible voting members in attendance for approval of the minutes from this meeting. There were none opposed however, T. Rue requested to provide edits for addition to the draft minutes prior to the next meeting.

BILLS OF THE EVENING

Secretary G. Brewi stated there were no bills for approval.

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Business Meeting
February 25, 2019
7:30 P.M

LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS

Secretary G. Brewi noted the following additions; Memo to Committee Members, dated 1-11-19 referencing volunteer responsibilities, and Township Committee Liaisons list adopted 1-10-19.

REORGANIZATION DISCUSSION:

Member F. Gavigan updated the commission that forthcoming changes may trigger revisions to the Planning Board process and therefore the commission may want to consider carrying the establishment of meeting dates for 2019. Secretary, G. Brewi proposed that the commission approve the 2019 regular business meeting dates based on the prior year schedule allowing the business meetings to be noticed and suggested that meeting dates could be adjusted if necessary, in the future.

Motion to set regular business meeting dates to be held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. with exception of the months of May and December whereas, the regular business meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m. was made by T. Rue and seconded by L. Davis. There were none opposed. None abstained. Regular business meeting dates for 2019 were unanimously approved.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Co-Chair, L. Davis asked for a motion to open to the public. Motion was made by F. Gavigan and seconded by T. Rue.

Resident, Andrea Bonette suggested based on her prior experiences in the municipality that voting to open to the public may not be required and the commission may be required to only vote to close to the public. Co-Chair, L. Davis acknowledged the suggestion.

Motion to close to the public was made by P. Wang-Iverson and seconded by T. Rue.

REPORTS:

Financial Report

Secretary G. Brewi provided update for clarification. The Township Committee has not approved the \$4,580 operating budget requested by the commission but, left the requested operating budget in the draft budget. Since determination has been made for the Environmental Commission to remain a freestanding committee the Township Committee expects to finalize the appropriate budget for Environmental Commission at the March Township Committee meeting.

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Business Meeting
February 25, 2019
7:30 P.M

Committee Liaison Reports: Members will continue to carry appointments of any new liaisons until full membership is obtained and will seek to appoint a liaison for the Board of Health this year.

AG Advisory - (F. Gavigan) No Report Provided.

Planning Board (F. Gavigan)

Liaison F. Gavigan updated. The Planning Board has a sub-group looking at the current Township ordinances and an effort will be made for clarifications and simplifying to allow for better compliance and a clearer application processes.

Member P. Wang-Iverson asked if there were Planning Board initiatives or township ordinances pertaining to new residential construction supporting environmentally sound decisions or environmentally driven restrictions. F. Gavigan was not aware of any such initiatives at the township level and suggested such direction may be able to be investigated and pursued at the State level.

Township Committee (R. Wolf)

Secretary G. Brewi provided update. Mayor, Rick Wolf and Deputy Mayor, T. Matthews held a staff meeting at which they announced the retirement of the Municipal Clerk, Terri Stahl. She will be leaving April 1st. All interested applicants were encouraged to apply for the Clerk position. The meeting was opened to all employees for discussion on any township issues, concerns, or suggestions.

Recycling Committee (T. Rue)

Liaison T. Rue updated that the meeting was rescheduled due to snow. The next meeting will be held February 27th. P. Wang-Iverson updated that there is a combination code on the trailer for better access.

Recreation Committee (TBD – J. Edwards to advise availability)

No report as there is currently no liaison.

Farmland/Open Space Preservation Committee (T. Rue)

Liaison T. Rue updated. Farm preservation was discussed by guest speakers. Thompson property was discussed along with other possible properties which could be supported for preservation.

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Business Meeting
February 25, 2019
7:30 P.M

Sub-Committee Reports:

Public Outreach Committee (L. Davis, P. Wang-Iverson, J. Edwards)

Member, P. Wang-Iverson updated. Tree Seedlings giveaways will be planned to take place at Hunterdon County Community Day, Color Run on May 4th at the monthly drop off depot and the Plant Swap on May 18th. A total of 800 seedlings will be provided. Volunteers will be needed.

Co-Chair L. Davis updated that she obtained training on the new township web site with Alison Castellano. A draft of the proposed website should be ready for commission members to view for the next meeting. All commission members will be able to view and make suggestions by logging into the draft web site page. Members will be provided access directly from Civic Plus if they haven't already signed in. Member F. Gavigan will touch base with A. Castellano to discuss providing resources for reference on the township website.

Site Review Committee (J. Angelone, P. Wang-Iverson & F. Gavigan)

Member F. Gavigan updated re: application for an addition at 23 Mountain Road, B 40.02 L 17 and B 40.03 L 3 for a variance for a side yard setback. Property is a grandfathered lot built in the 90's with constraints. Wetlands determination was requested.

Secretary, G. Brewi reminded members that the application for Block 35 Lot 2 on Wertsville Road for an agricultural subdivision is available for review in the Commissions mailbox.

Easements Committee (J. Angelone, T. Rue & P. Wang-Iverson)

No report provided.

Co-Chair L. Davis spoke about a conservation grant opportunity for easement inventories available through ANJEC. Application is due 4/15. Commission agreed to the submission of an application being made. Member L. Davis volunteered to write the grant however, needs help from other members to obtain the back ground which motivates the grant request. Proposed cost involved is clerical.

NRI/ERI (L. Davis, F. Gavigan)

Co-Chair L. Davis updated. A brief presentation to the Township Committee was provided on 2/14 prior to the township committee meeting expressing the importance of an ERI for planning in the town. A request was made by Mayor, Wolf for answers to Township Committee questions surrounding the funding of \$500 in the budget for the ERI project. Co-Chair L. Davis has provided. A copy of the EA Township ERI from 1976 with an update from 1992 has been located. The update consisted of new information regarding threatened and endangered wildlife populations in the township.

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Business Meeting
February 25, 2019
7:30 P.M

Member F. Gavigan provided an overview regarding the various pieces of the existing ERI which can be used and combined with public information available.

Subcommittee members will meet and proceed forward with an evaluation of information available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ANJEC Membership List: Must be completed and submitted with membership fee for 2019

Helistop: Members have all been supplied with updates on the status of the application from Mayor Wolf.

VIP Articles: Member P. Wang-Iverson suggested an article for next month be written on – “electric vehicles - an option of purchasing when looking for a new car”.

Hunterdon County Community Day: No date provided yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Membership: Co-Chair L. Davis updated. She made a suggestion that T. Rue to be added back to membership. A discussion took place regarding the current membership and need for (1) regular member and (1) Alt. II member. Members were asked to reach out to former members to see if they want to rejoin?

Dialogue took place regarding the current commission membership and a lack of attendance at the regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Members should confirm with the commission secretary their lack of availability when they cannot be in attendance as soon as they become aware of any conflicts. It was suggested that if there are current members who cannot attend that they consider stepping down from their appointment on the commission.

Member P. Wang-Iverson stated that the meeting has been hijacked by an administrative issue. The same issue occurred last month. Member, P. Wang-Iverson further suggested that the discussions taking place have nothing to do with the role of the environmental commission. An environmental commissions’ role in the township is education by reaching out to protect the East Amwell environment for the health and safety of the residents.

Member T. Rue stated. An explanation of what happened at a meeting is a significant part of commission and not good for the future of the commission if not stated therefore; believes the conversations are pertinent to the commission. Member, T. Rue would like for minutes to reflect

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Business Meeting
February 25, 2019
7:30 P.M

all language and conversations which take place during a meeting. Concise edits to the minutes of the 1/28/19 reorganizational meeting will be proposed and provided by T. Rue for the members' consideration and adoption of the edits to the minutes if approved by members.

Member F. Gavigan suggested the tapes be linked to the township website for those interested in verbatim minutes.

Member P. Wang-Iverson requested that the minutes be sent out two weeks after the meeting so the minutes can be utilized as to do list.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was no need to re-open to the public.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- E-Mail Communication, 2-5-19, from Jeff Geist, Raritan Headwaters re: 29th Annual Stream Cleanup
- E-Mail Communication, 2-8-19, from Elizabeth Ritter, ANJEC re: 2019 Environmental Commission Grants
- E-Mail Communication, 2-15-19, from EA Mayor, re: Update on The Ridge Helistop Application
- E-Mail Communication, 2-16-19, from EA Mayor, re: Letter to the Editor

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to close the meeting was made by Gavigan and seconded by L. Davis and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Gail Brewi
Environmental Commission Secretary

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Business Meeting
May 20, 2019
7:30 P.M

CALL TO ORDER:

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

The May 20, 2019 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Secretary, G. Brewi announced that this business meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. This is a Business Meeting of the East Amwell Environmental Commission, as published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on March 21, 2019. A copy of tonight’s agenda was filed with the Township Clerk and the Township Committee, forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, distributed to the various East Amwell Township Committees and Boards, and was posted on the Township Bulletin Board.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair, F. Gavigan stated that the salute will be added to the meeting for uniformity with other township board meetings.

ROLL CALL:

ATTENDANCE 2019:

Environmental Commission Member	1/28/19	2/25/19	3/25/19	4/22/19 No Mtg.	5/20/19	6/24/19	7/22/19	8/26/19	9/23/19	10/28/19	11/25/19	12/16/19
Joe Angelone	X			-	X							
James Edwards			X	-	X							
Frances Gavigan	X	Via Phone	X	-	X							
Tom Rue	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Patsy Wang-Iverson	X	X	X	-	X							
Lisa Davis	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Ostrander (alt. I)	X			-								

Others present: Gail Brewi
Township Committee Liaison: None Present

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:

January 28, 2019 Reorganization Meeting
 February 25, 2019 Business Meeting
 March 25, 2019 Business Meeting

Minutes of January 28, 2019: Motion to carry approval of draft minutes was made by J. Angelone and seconded by P. Wang-Iverson due to an insufficient number of eligible

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Business Meeting
May 20, 2019
7:30 P.M

voting members in attendance for approval of the minutes from this meeting. There were none opposed and no abstentions.

Minutes of February 25, 2019: Motion to carry approval of draft minutes was made by J. Angelone and seconded by J. Edwards due to an insufficient number of eligible voting members in attendance for approval of the minutes from this meeting. There were none opposed and no abstentions.

Minutes of March 25, 2019: Motion to approve draft minutes was made by J. Edwards and seconded by P. Wang-Iverson. None opposed. Minutes were approved with minor edits. J. Angelone abstained.

BILLS OF THE EVENING

No bills for approval provided.

Secretary G. Brewi updated that the purchase order was submitted for the member P. Wang-Iverson to attend the NJ Sustainability Summit Friday, June 14th.

LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS

Chair, F. Gavigan and Member P. Wang-Iverson noted the following additions to the agenda:

Stormwater Utility Symposium

VIP Articles

Clawson Park Rain Garden

Update on the Rain Garden Rebate Program

Discussion of Minutes

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No public in attendance.

REPORTS:

Financial Report

Secretary G. Brewi shared that the commission has expended 70% of the annual budget currently provided. Follow up with Township CFO will be made to obtain clarification of the approved total budget for 2019. Expenditures totaling \$385 year to date have been made against a total budget of \$500. Members were asked to be conscious of communication and time allocated for meetings.

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Business Meeting
May 20, 2019
7:30 P.M

Committee Liaison Reports:

AG Advisory - (F. Gavigan)

Chair, F. Gavigan asked if the commission had interest in supporting the Class 1 Stream Certification. A motion was made by J. Angelone and seconded by P. Wang-Iverson to send a statement of support for the Class 1 Stream Certification. None were opposed nor abstained. Motion was approved. Chair, F. Gavigan to draft supporting communication and submit.

Planning Board (F. Gavigan)

Chair, F. Gavigan updated. A new application for a bulk variance at 274 Rileyville Road had been received. There is an open application on Back Brook Road for a ground mounted solar system. The application for a lot line adjustment on the corner of Rt. 31 and the Sunoco has been held off at the applicants' request.

The township has formed an application review committee, known as ARC. The committee will review applications received and deem complete when appropriate. At that time, they will be provided to the Land Use Board for consideration. J. Angelone expressed a concern about timing of site visits to ensure appropriate notice to conduct site visits and provide any concerns which may be identified.

J. Angelone will provide an EC site review template which has been used in the past to the EC Chair. Once approved the template will be used for uniformity when providing recommendations to Land Use Board.

Township Committee (R. Wolfe)

The role of Township Committee Liaisons was reviewed per the January 2019 draft provided by Mayor Wolfe. The liaison is not required to attend monthly meetings but is in place to facilitate communications between the committee and township committee. Member, P. Wang-Iverson raised a concern over the EC budget and Chair, F. Gavigan stated the budget for 2019 was previously introduced and suggested that members attend the next township committee meeting to express any concerns. F. Gavigan also shared that interviews were conducted for membership to the EC but no new members have been appointed to date.

Recycling Committee (TBD)

Meets 2nd Tuesday monthly

Member, J. Angelone asked about the missing dumpsters for recycling collection at the municipality this past month. P. Wang-Iverson updated that there was a breakdown in

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Business Meeting
May 20, 2019
7:30 P.M

communication for the delivery of the dumpsters. A process has been put in place to ensure dumpsters are ordered and delivered by Friday afternoon in the future.

Member P. Wang-Iverson provided a TREX update. DPW has finished collecting 500 lbs. of plastic and earned another bench. The Living Waters Church will be responsible for the next collection. To date the Township has collected over 1500 lbs. of plastic and earned (3) benches. The Grange has expressed an interest in the next 500 lb. collection.

P. Wang-Iverson has volunteered to become the recycling liaison if member T. Rue does not return.

Recreation Committee (TBD)

No report provided as there is currently no liaison.
Meets 3rd Thursday monthly

Member, J. Edwards volunteered to become the recreation liaison.

Farmland/Open Space Preservation Committee (TBD)

No report provided as there is currently no liaison.
Meets 2nd Monday monthly

Member, P. Wang-Iverson volunteered to become the FOSPC liaison.

Board of Health (TBD)

No report provided as there is currently no liaison.
Meets 4th Tuesday monthly

Sub-Committee Reports:

Public Outreach Committee (L. Davis, P. Wang-Iverson, J. Edwards)

Member, P. Wang-Iverson updated. A total of 825 Tree Seedlings were given away. J. Edwards and T. Stahl handled giveaways at the Color Run and P. Wang-Iverson and L. Davis handled giveaways at the recycling depot. The remaining seedlings were provided at the Plant Swap. Thanks to all who volunteered their time to provide seedlings to the residents.

Hunterdon County Community Day – There will be no EC presence this year as no members were available to attend. P. Wang-Iverson communicated to ANJEC and released hold for game previously reserved.

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Business Meeting
May 20, 2019
7:30 P.M

Site Review Committee (J. Angelone, P. Wang-Iverson & F. Gavigan)
No additional comments beyond previous discussions.

Easements Committee (J. Angelone & P. Wang-Iverson)
No report provided.

NRI/ERI (F. Gavigan)

Member, P. Wang-Iverson stated that L. Davis has provided all her reference material and research for use by the EC. Chair, F. Gavigan has the information and will upload the resources into the document library on the township website so members may view. Information is for member use and the Chair has asked that members not distribute. Member, P. Wang-Iverson updated that she has reached out to follow up on the status of the ERI/DYI pilot project with Rowan University. She will advise the EC of any opportunity which may still exist for East Amwell Township once obtained.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Membership: Due to the quorum challenge, J. Angelone asked about the status of T. Rue remaining a member until a new appointment is made by the Township Committee. Chair, F. Gavigan to follow up with T. Rue to see if he will remain a member until such an appointment is made. F. Gavigan stated she has requested an update on the status of member appointment from Mayor Wolfe. Update to be provided once available.

Environmental Commission Annual Reporting: Member, P. Wang-Iverson has provided an accounting of the work which the EC has completed in 2018 for consideration. J. Angelone will also compile a list of site visits conducted for 2018 to be added to the annual report. Information due to Chair within two weeks.

EC Liaisons: Open positions exist for Recycling, FOSPC, Board of Health, and Recreation. Discussion was had about members not having to attend monthly meeting but, simply being a conduit to the EC and communicate any issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting Minutes: Chair, F. Gavigan requested that members review minutes prior to meeting and submit minor edits to secretary prior to monthly meeting for updates and approval at the meeting. It was also suggested that an action item list could be considered as a supplement at the back of the agenda. Chair, F. Gavigan to provide a table for discussion at the next business meeting. Discussion took place regarding the use of audio for members

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Business Meeting
May 20, 2019
7:30 P.M

who would like to utilize minutes as an action list. Further investigation to consider uploading audio in conjunction with minutes to minimize length of minutes and time required to draft.

East Amwell Clean Communities Program: Presentation by Rosemary Georgett will be made at the June business meeting. Materials were provided at the May meeting to members for reading.

Spring Newsletter: Recycling Committee will be doing an E-Post Card

Stormwater Utility Symposium: Member, P. Wang-Iverson forwarded the notice to William Burr, the township Stormwater coordinator. He will investigate. Chair, F. Gavigan updated that the current township engineer is retiring, and the township will be posting a request for professionals to obtain competitive bids for the professional opening.

P. Wang-Iverson offered to personally pay for the registration cost of the symposium.

A motion was made by J. Angelone and seconded by P. Wang-Iverson to transfer remaining \$115 from meeting/conferences and other budget to part time secretary wages budget. None were opposed nor abstained. Motion was approved. Chair, F. Gavigan to advise CFO of the internal transfer in the EC budget and have further discussion of 2019 budget with the Township Committee. It was noted that the EC held 10 regular business meetings in 2018 and will have 12 business meetings in 2019 increasing payroll.

VIP Articles: Chair, F. Gavigan asked that the EC review suggestions for submission ahead of publication. It was suggested that articles be prepared on the Rain Garden Rebate program and planting trees. Articles will be provided to the chair for approval prior to the submission due date. Likewise, all topics of articles written in 2018 will be forwarded to Chair for inclusion in the EC Annual Report. Member, P. Wang-Iverson suggested that the EC should submit an article for each VIP publication.

Clawson Park Rain Garden: P. Wang-Iverson updated that Princeton Hydro will be putting up signs promoting the program and asking for volunteers to help weed the gardens. The initiative will serve as demonstrations for the community on the usefulness of bio retention basins.

Update on the Rain Garden Rebate Program: VIP article to be written.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was no public.

MINUTES
EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Business Meeting
May 20, 2019
7:30 P.M

CORRESPONDENCE:

- E-Mail Communication, 3-1-19 from K. MacDonald, Raritan Headwaters re: Spring 2019 Seminars
- E-Mail Communication, 3-4-19 from Sustainable Jersey re: Sustainability Summit June 14, 2019
- E-Mail Forwarded, 3-9-19 from Terri Stahl, re: Request for resolution, NJ Green Amendment
- E-Mail Communication, 3-19-19 from the Watershed Institute re: Flood Defense Act
- E-Mail Communication, 3-19-19 from the Watershed Institute re: Stream Cleanups

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to close the meeting was made by P. Wang-Iverson and seconded by J. Angelone and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Gail Brewi
Environmental Commission Secretary