

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REORGANIZATION MEETING
APRIL 25TH, 2022 MINUTES - 7:30PM**

The East Amwell Township Environmental Commission meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M. by Secretary Kavchok.

The following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read into the record by Secretary Kavchok: **“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is a regularly scheduled meeting pursuant to the Annual Meeting Notice as published in the February 3, 2022 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. A copy of the agenda was forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, filed in the Township Clerk’s Office and posted on the bulletin board & township website.”**

ROLL CALL (*P=Present, C= Cancelled, A= Absent, X= unavailable*)

Committee Member, Title (Term Expires)	1	2	3	4							
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Mark Castellano, TC Liaison (12/31/2022)	P	P	P	A							
James Edwards, Vice Chair (12/31/2023)	P	A	P	P							
Erica Johanson (12/31/2022)	P	A	P	P							
Marnie Stetson, Chair (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P							
Greg Chiacco (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P							
Alison Kavchok, Secretary (12/31/2022)	P	P	P	P							
J. D. Groon (12/31/2024)	P	P	P	P							
Lyndsey Manzo (12/31 /2024)	X	P	P	P							
Krista Parsons, Acting Clerk	X	X	X	X							

REVIEW OF AGENDA

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was no public in attendance.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

A motion made by JD Groon, seconded by Chair Edwards to approve the March minutes was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

Sustainable Jersey -

- Erica Johanson will provide the required information to satisfy the recycling depot action item.
- Secretary Kavchok will provide the required information to satisfy the rain barrel action item.

DCFC/Charging Station - Chair Stetson and Greg Chiacchio met with a firm that works with utilities that would install the appropriate equipment for EV charging stations.

- An estimate is required. Chair Stetson and Secretary Kavchok will follow up with financing options and quotes.

NJDEP Arbor Day/Salem Oak -

Chair Stetson applied for, received and planted the historic Salem oak at Clawson Park with the assistance of Jason Silverthorn of DPW.

Sustainable Jersey Climate Fellow - Chair Stetson applied for a climate fellow from the Environmental Defense Fund who would be paid by Sustainable Jersey. The fellow would provide sustainability suggestions and technical assistance to East Amwell by analyzing utility bills and workplace utility usage, and provide suggestions on various money saving measures. This application is free and the fellow would work with other townships as well.

Sustainable Jersey in the Schools -

- Lindsey Manzo will work with East Amwell School on registering for Sustainable Jersey.

UPCOMING/EVENTS

Stream Cleanup - The Raritan Headwaters annual stream cleanup was April 23rd. The area between Cider Mill and Manners (lower Neshanic and Back Brooks) was cleaned up (Site 62). It was a successful event netting more than 15 bags of garbage.

Green Scene - The Green Scene will be May 14th and run in conjunction with the Color Run Race village at East Amwell School.

Rain Barrel Demo - The Raritan Headwaters Association will have their Rain Barrel Demonstration on May 21st. This is a Sustainable Jersey action item worth 10 points.

NEW BUSINESS

Lakes Management

- Secretary Kavchok will look into whether we could apply for the Lakes management grant through the DEP.

Sustainable Jersey and ANJEC Grants

Secretary Kavchok has researched costs of trees and tree tubes as well as event materials to satisfy the Sustainable Jersey grant

- Secretary Kavchok will apply for the ANJEC grant to hopefully supplement any tree planting initiatives.

Monarch Pledge

- Erica Johanson and Lindsey Manzo will provide information on the Monarch Pledge at the next meeting.

Stormwater Management Resolution

- The Commission will look into whether it is possible to have a stormwater resolution. ANJEC has mentioned it would be beneficial to municipalities.

Watershed Institute

Joan McGee advised that the township should look into ordinances that regulate smaller areas.

- Chair Stetson will speak with the policy director at the Watershed Institute about watershed ordinances.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items for discussion.

ORAL REPORTS

Planning Board - Chair Stetson advised that the Township is looking for a Zoning Officer and Planning Administrator. There was a hearing on the Land Use Element; changes will be made and reintroduced in May.

Parks & Recreation - Erica Johanson advised that the Township wide garage sale happened and was well attended. Friday nights in the park will be starting back up and a member of the Native Plant Society will attend.

FOSPC - Erica Johanson advised that there may be another preserved property upcoming.

Township Committee Liaison - Mayor Castellano was not in attendance, therefore no update provided.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

No vouchers.

CORRESPONDENCE

All Correspondence was distributed to the commission prior to the meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Lindsey Manzo, seconded by Greg Chiacchio to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Name, Title