

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 22ND, 2023 - 7:00PM**

The East Amwell Township Environmental Commission meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Secretary Kavchok.

The following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read into the record by Secretary Kavchok:

ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY A NOTICE SENT TO THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE TOWNSHIP ON MARCH 16th, 2023, AND POSTED TO THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE, ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK, AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

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

Committee Member Name, Title (Term Expiration Date)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	4	1	1
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Marnie Stetson, Chair (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P	P						
Bob Lurie, Vice Chair (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P	P						
Alison Kavchok, Secretary	P	P	P	P	P						
Jenna Bloom, TC Liaison (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P	P						
Erica Johanson (12/31/2025)	P	P	P	A	A						
J. D. Groon (12/31/2024)	P	P	P	P	P						
Greg Chiacco (12/31/2023)	P	P	A	P	A						
Jamal Kadri (12/31/2025)	P	P	A	P	P						

Ozgur Tunceli (Alt I) (12/31/ 2024)	A	P	P	P	A						
Leo Rommel (Alt II) (12/31/2023)	P	P	P	P	P						

REVIEW OF AGENDA

There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Motion - April 24th meeting minutes

A motion to approve the April 24th meeting minutes was made by Vice Chair Lurie and seconded by member Groon. All in favor by voice vote.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

Motion - Open to the public

A motion to open the meeting to the public for items not on the agenda was made by Member Groon and seconded by Vice Chair Lurie. All in favor by voice vote.

One member of the public was present, Ms. Freda Routh of 1 Linvale Road. Ms. Routh had no comment as she was awaiting the post-meeting talk with Dr. Van Clef.

Motion - Close to the public

A motion to close the meeting to the public for items not on the agenda was made by Member Groon and seconded by Secretary Kavchok. All in favor by voice vote.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

Mike Van Clef will be providing a talk on the management of invasives at the close of the regular meeting (7:30 p.m.)

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports:

Native Plants Subcommittee: No update.

Events & Outreach Subcommittee:

- C-Change Conversations: Secretary Kavchok advised that it would be a better option to hold the C-Change discussion in the fall at the Hunterdon County Library with the reasoning being that
 1. The library is a neutral, non bipartisan atmosphere,
 2. These events are typically held at libraries as their purpose is community education
 3. It would be better attended if opened to the public and not just East Amwell residents and
 4. It's free

Secretary Kavchok approached the staff of the South County Branch in Ringoes who advised a room may be reserved, for free, at the Headquarters library as the South Country Branch lacks room. Vice Chair Lurie and the commission would still like to explore holding the C Change conversation at a local vineyard. Secretary Kavchok and Vice Chair Lurie will approach Old York Cellars in June to see if this is agreeable. The anticipated time for the C-Change event is fall.

- **Sustainability Series #4:** Secretary Kavchok discussed hosting a “Home Garden How To” [Iby Ikotidem](#) from Roots Blooms and Yards for lessons on home gardening and growing your own herbs as well as a picnic and garden tour in June at Iby’s locale in Flemington. The Commission was receptive and plans will move forward.

Equity Advisory Subcommittee: No update.

Climate Change Subcommittee: Vice Chair Lurie will reach out to his contact at C Change Climate Discussions once we have confirmed a locale and have an advertising plan in place to attract the appropriate audiences.

Sustainable Jersey Review Subcommittee: Secretary Kavchok will submit the final report closing out the \$2,000 Sustainable Jersey grant by May 31st.

NEW BUSINESS

GIS Analyst Kevin Burkman provided 2 of his award-winning maps of the Watersheds of the Sourland Region to the Environmental Commission. One will be gifted to the East Amwell School Environmental Club. Commission members reviewed the map and thank Mr. Burkman for providing this to the Commission!

ORAL REPORTS

Planning Board - Chair Stetson advised there is a Master Plan reexamination and public hearing and advised all interested parties attend.

Parks & Recreation - Secretary Kavchok provided an update on multiple summer events. Secretary Kavchok will follow up with Parks and Recreation members regarding having a farmers market again as well as a “bike rodeo”, an opportunity for kids to learn how to maintain their bikes and learn bike safety, as well as an opportunity to exercise, all of which would be co-hosted with GoHunterdon.

FOSPC - The Open Space renewal application has been completed and submitted.

Township Committee Liaison - An ordinance restricting the use of invasives will be presented at the next Township Committee meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Motion - Open to the public

A motion to open the meeting to the public for items on the agenda was made by Member Kadri and seconded by Vice Chair Lurie. All in favor by voice vote.

Ms. Freda Routh was in attendance as well as a zoom participant, Nina (last name unknown). No comment was made.

Motion - Close to the public

A motion to open the meeting to the public for items on the agenda was made by Member Kadri and seconded by Vice Chair Lurie. All in favor by voice vote.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

There were no vouchers to present.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence is in the shared drive and is disseminated prior to each meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion - Close the meeting

A motion to adjourn the May 22nd East Amwell Environmental Commission/Green Team meeting was made by Member Kadri and seconded by Secretary Kavchok. All in favor by voice vote.

Alison Kavchok, Secretary