

REGULAR MEETING

ROOSEVELT BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

Roosevelt Borough Hall, 33 North Rochdale Avenue

OPENING MEETING: (Time)_____

ROLL CALL: Ashburner____, Hamilton____, Hartley____, Teich____, Ticktin____, Tulloss____, Silverman____, Schneider (Alt 1)____, Ben Johnson (Atl 2)_____.

ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING STATEMENT: Adequate notice of this meeting has been given, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, by notices published in the Asbury Park Press on March 21, 2023 and the Times of Trenton on March 22, 2023 and posted on the bulletin boards in the Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office.

SWEARING IN OF NEW AND REAPPOINTED MEMBERS:

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY

APPROVAL OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024 AND JANUARY 2025: February 21, 2024; March 20, 2024; April 17, 2024; May 15, 2024; June 19, 2024; July 17, 2024; August 21, 2024; September 18, 2024; October 16, 2024; November 20, 2024; December 18, 2024; January 15, 2025.

Environmental Commission Mission Statement

1. To protect, preserve, and enhance the natural environment within our jurisdiction.
2. To promote sustainable practices and responsible resource management for the benefit of present and future generations.
3. To Advocate for environmental justice, ensuring equitable access to clean air, water, and a healthy environment for all communities.

Goals: Short term goals for the next 18 months approved (approved by EC on 11/15/23)

Environmental Education and Outreach of these subjects:

1. PFA'S are "forever" chemicals that disrupt the immune system and are carcinogenic.
2. Investigate Community Solar or other programs that allow households to use renewable energy without installing solar panels on their homes. Learn more about Clean Choice energy which allows a resident to select renewable energy as the source of energy for their home. Present results at a community meeting.
3. Advocate for safe and responsible waste management practices. Partnering with the Recycle Coordinator to get more information out on what is recyclable. Also encourage use of eco-friendly products

Land and People Acknowledgement

The land and waterways upon which the residents of the Borough of Roosevelt gather and live are the ancestral and unceded Lenapehoking territory of the Lenni-Lenape nation. We honor the contributions of their ancestors, those now in the diaspora, and the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape, Ramapough Lenape and Powhatan Renape who continue to live in the areas we call New Jersey. We honor this ancestral land of the Lenni-Lenape Nation. May we live in harmony, caring for this sacred land.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA:

Chairperson Silverman opens the meeting to the public for comments on the agenda at: _____ P.M.
Chairperson Silverman closes the meeting to the public for comments on the agenda at: _____ P.M.

RESIGNATION:

Resignation email dated December 20, 2023 from Mary Tulloss:

Ellen,
I have given it a lot of thought, and I believe that I need to step off of the EC when my term expires at the end of this year. I am on several boards in Roosevelt and outside and I am just finding it hard to keep up with everything. We have been unable to find someone to help Rod with tasks involving the herbarium and I would like to be able to help him with that. I admire and respect all that the Environment Commission is doing and wish everyone well. I would like to continue working with Corkey and Jane on stream monitoring.
My Best,
Mary

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY:

C/_____ nominates _____ as Vice-Chairperson to the Environmental Commission, with a second from _____. The motion _____ by _____ vote.
_____ nominates _____, as Secretary to the Environmental Commission, with a second from _____. The motion _____ by _____ vote.

APPROVAL OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023 AND JANUARY 2024: February 15, 2023; March 15, 2023; April 19, 2023; May 17, 2023; June 21, 2023; July 19, 2023; August 16, 2023; September 20, 2023; October 18, 2023; November 15, 2023; December 20, 2023; January 17, 2024. Motion made by _____ to accept dates as stated, with a second from _____. The motion _____ by _____ vote.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by _____ to approve the agenda and second was made by _____. Agenda was _____ passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 20, 2023 – _____ made a motion to approve the December 20, 2023, minutes with a second from _____. Minutes were _____passed.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED MINUTES: November 15, 2023 – _____ made a motion to approve the amended November 15, 2023, minutes with a second from _____. Minutes were _____passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **Sustainable Jersey for Schools** – Announcing a New Round of Community Energy Grants
2. **ANJEC** – Top 5 reasons to give to ANJEC from Environmental Commissioner Feedback around the State
3. **Watershed Institute – Registration for the Seventh Annual NJ Watershed Conference, Regional Collaboration for Our Watersheds, February 23, 2023 at The College of New Jersey (Hybrid)**
4. **ANJEC** – Thanking Roosevelt Borough for its encouragement and support in 2023
5. **ANJEC** – Environmental New Digest, January 3, 2024
6. **Sustainable Jersey** – Apply for a NJBPU Community Energy Planning Grant
7. **NJDEP** – Updated CFMP Guidelines (Community Forest Management Plan)
8. **ANJEC** – Stormwater Retrofit Resources Virtual Information Session, Tuesday, January 23, 2024 from noon-1:00pm
9. **NJ Department of Agriculture** – Spotted Lanternfly Treatment Funding

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- Administrative
- Forest Management
- Invasive Plant Species
- Stream Monitoring
- Sustainable Jersey
- Dessert and Discussion
- Goals Committee

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Michael Merritt gives an update on recycling
- Recycling of Plastic Trex Challenge
- Tree Inventory Video

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairperson Ellen Silverman opens the public comment at: _____ P.M.

Chairperson Ellen Silverman closes the public comment at: _____ P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: _____ motioned to adjourn _____ offered a second. It was unanimously passed to adjourn at _____ P.M.