

**REGULAR MEETING**

**ROOSEVELT BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

**Roosevelt Borough Hall, 33 North Rochdale Avenue**

**OPENING MEETING: (Time)\_\_\_\_\_**

**SWEARING IN OF REAPPOINTED MEMBER Sam Ashburner:**

**ROLL CALL:** Ashburner\_\_\_\_, Hamilton\_\_\_\_, Hartley\_\_\_\_, Johnson \_\_\_\_\_, Teich\_\_\_\_, Ticktin\_\_\_\_, Silverman\_\_\_\_, (Alt 1)\_\_\_\_, (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 January 22, 2024 and the Times of Trenton on January 25, 2024 and posted on the bulletin boards in the Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office.

**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.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

## **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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 17, 2024** – \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to approve the January 17, 2024, minutes with a second from \_\_\_\_\_. Minutes were \_\_\_\_\_ passed.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. **State of NJ** – Flood Mitigation and Financial Assistance for Homeowners
2. **The Watershed Institute** – January 2024 Watershed Professionals Newsletter
3. **ANJEC** – Virtual Roundtable: Goal Setting, Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 7:00pm, via Zoom Webinar
4. **The Watershed Institute** – Next Assunpink Watershed Workshop Session: February 7, 2024 at 5:00pm.
5. **NJ DEP** – Core Training – March 1 – April 5, 2024, Registration Fee \$30.00
6. **ANJEC** – Environmental News Digest, January 18, 2024
7. **ANJEC** – Confirming Roosevelt’s Membership Renewal
8. **Sustainable Jersey** – Announcing a new round of free technical assistance, resources and funding to help municipalities prioritize energy efficiency
9. **The Watershed** – Upcoming Events
10. **ANJEC** – Local Environment Matters
11. **NJ DEP** – NJUCF News & Updates 2/1/24
12. **The Watershed Institute** – Seventh Annual Watershed Conference – February 23, 2024
13. **ANJEC** – 2024 Environmental Commission Grants
14. **ANJEC** – Building Cleaner Communities through Stormwater Education – Webinar, Thursday, February 29, 2024 at noon
15. **ANJEC** – Action Alert – NJ is a Leader in Reducing Plastic Pollution

## **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
- Community Outreach Communication Calendar
  - Authors for social media posts, articles for email newsletter, mailing news and Borough Bulletin
  - Research for speakers at Environmental Commission meetings
  - Finding or development of handouts for able events

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. School and Environmental Commission rain garden collaboration
2. Request for help for the Roosevelt Seed Library
3. Research the development for a new Roosevelt Field Guide.

**Budget research:**

1. Trail Maintenance
2. Mailed out newsletter 3 times a year

**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.