

Clinton Township Environmental Commission (CTEC)

Thursday May 2, 2024

1370 Route 31 North, Annandale, NJ 08801 (In-person); Microsoft Teams Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Attendees <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mario Caballero, Chair• Geoff Varty, Vice Chair• Doug Pecota• Robert Parkanyi• Danielle Kearsley• Amelia Reitman, Alternate #1• Dan Aguanno, Alternate #2 Non-voting members: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amy Switlyk, Council Liaison	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandra Millward• Sandra Butcher, PB Liaison• Brianna Casario, Watershed Ambassador
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Meeting commenced at 7:02 pm

This meeting is held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, NJSA 10:4-1 et seq. Annual notice having been forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements.

Open to Public: none

Approve minutes:

April Meeting (Eligible members: Mario Caballero, Doug Pecota, Robert Parkanyi, Danielle Kearsley, Amelia Reitman, Dan Aguanno, Sandra Butcher) Amelia incorrectly listed as present - Motion by RP, Seconded by DA, no opposition

Correspondence

- Block 33, Lot 5 (95 Petticoat Ln) - Transition area waiver (Line Reduction), Flood Hazard Area Verification application and Flood Hazard Individual Permit
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- Block 90, Lots 2.12 & 2.13 (67 & 69 Payne Rd) - Freshwater Wetlands Presence/Absence (Footprint of Disturbance) - Letter of Interpretation (LOI)

Reports

- Council (AS)
 - Budget passed
 - Hunting program
 - ad in newsletter – required they contact police department
 - Permit required
 - Mandatory to come to orientation
 - AS requested hunter's tree stands removed
 - Beekeeper resolution revised and will be voted on next meeting
 - Bee area in Windy Acres in exemption area
 - Zoning change brought up by member of public – on hold
 - Tree ordinance passed- some resistance
 - Violation at Fountain motel - trees planted and fenced

- Planning Board
No Report

- Open Space
Didn't meet

- Green Team
 - Met on April 16 – reviewed actions being working on
 - Food bank to get extra food from organic garden – question needing employees to distribute

- Site Plan Review Subcommittee
No business
- Watershed Ambassador
No report

Old business

- Danielle - Latest on E-Coli sampling along the Rockaway Creek
 - Sampling starting in summer – next meeting to provided places and times
 - Raritan headwaters 10k grant to do this
- Amelia - Road Salt Testing – NHHS
 - No new readings
- Pollinator garden – move it back from sidewalk, shrubs doing well
 - Left over seeds from community day can be used for the CT School District
- Mario - ANJEC \$1,500 Grant
 - Game wheel and accessories
 - Need letter from township administrator
- Mario - Sustainable Jersey \$20,000 Grant
 - Did not get grant – can provide feedback

- Danielle - Highlands Watershed Advisory Committee update
 - Did not meet
 - All plans completed in 12 to 18 months to improve water quality
- Danielle / Robert - Raritan Headwaters Stream Clean up Recap
 - Water came up and all the trash ended up in the water
 - Seems like there was a recent cleanup some areas
 - Boat launch and Brays hill – lot of alcohol containers, fireworks box.
- Danielle - Round Valley Filling update
 - Done filling, no more pumping 100% +/- 2%
- Danielle / Robert - CTSD Science Fair Recap – Suggestions for next year.
 - Our display was outshined by many others
- Community Day
 - Donate remaining seeds to Round Valley school
 - 22 households for water testing

New Business

- Mario - Prostack West - Riparian Reforestation - Raritan Woods & Waterways Grant Program - Raritan Headwaters
 - Plant 10,000 trees in the Raritan Headwaters area
 - Dan & Danielle to work on proposal (Mario has conflict as he is on both boards)
 - Amy to handle getting resolution from Council if necessary
 - Motion by DP, Seconded by GV, all in favor (Mario abstain)
 - June 7 deadline

Upcoming Events:

- May 3 - Melicks Bridge Riparian Reforestation - NEW DATE
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CA5A92FA5FFC43-47933190-tree?useFullSite=true>
- May 3 - Sustainable Jersey Summit
<https://www.sustainablejersey.com/events/2024-sustainability-summit/>
- May 4 - Clinton Twp. clean up
<https://tinyurl.com/CleanUpMay4>
- May 7 - Draft Extreme Heat Resilience Action Plan webinar
https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/57d01447-9849-4d05-b926-58d6c7896b5f@5076c3d1-3802-4b9f-b36a-e0a41bd642a7?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
- May 11 - Mushroom Foraging class 1
- May 11 - ANJEC South/Central Regional Environmental Commission Meeting
<https://forms.gle/54UEUC2yvBZBZuHWA>
- May 14 - ANJEC Clearing the path: Tackling Litter at the Source Webinar
<https://forms.gle/rU8ViaarS9frP2a58>

- May 16 - ANJEC New Jersey's Energy Future: Offshore Wind Project & Research Updates Webinar
<https://forms.gle/hwmchNzA3fqpsWQV9>
- May 18 - Mushroom Foraging class 2
- May 22 - Stream Assessment with RHA and CTSD
- June 9 - Beaver brook hike 4 miles in and out
- September 28 - Highlands Green Fair and EV Car Show

Open to Public

None

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by RP Seconded by DP

Meeting ended: 8:18 pm

Next meeting (Thursday, June 6)