

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024**

LJenssen, Chair called the meeting to order by reading the following statement.at 7:05 pm.

“I would like to announce and have placed in the minutes that adequate notice of this meeting of the Califon Environmental Commission has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of the legal notice in the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat”.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Present: LJenssen (Chair), E.Haversang (Council Liaison), B.Thomas (Secretary), D.Blair, N.Ferdinand, R.Geist, J.Gross,

Also Present: K.Schwarz

Absent: J.Kinney, B.Pickens

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting of Tuesday, May 14th, 2024 - Motion: J.Gross, Second: D.Blair, All in Favor: Yes

Correspondence: Email from K.Mastro on behalf of Council granting EC permission to replant the triangle island across from the post office with native plants/tree and that Council will take care of the cost of existing tree and bush removal.

Old Business:

Highlands Grant - nothing to report.

Weis Mill Dam - hearing Thursday, July 18th at 6:00 pm before Council Meeting here at Municipal Building.

Garbage Collection - EC attended the June 6, Council Meeting to present the letter about garbage. Town Council is not able to provide a provider, but suggested EC provide education and how to shop for trash companies to residents. J. Gross to research days of week/times and noise models. D. Blair to collect data on garbage companies. Post garbage providers on website on EC page. J. Ruggiero to collect oil company data. LJenssen to work on solar panel power. EC to hold an informational meeting in September “How to shop for services”. Promote meeting in Califon Crier, blurb on Facebook (ask J. Ruggiero), postcard/flyer mailing. Suggestion was made to include this in our meeting as opposed to having a separate meeting for educating.

ANJEC Grant – Rain Barrel has been installed and will be labeled “Not Potable”. Remaining monies will be used for soil, mulch, trim around the curb and plantings in the triangle. J.Gross to talk to Zadlocks, L.Jenssen also available to go. Plant in early fall. Will need a watering schedule. Town will purchase the tree. B.Thomas to reach Voorhees EC again to see if they have any interest in being part of this project.

The Planning Board needs an EC representative - N.Ferdinand agreed to be the EC Representative for the Planning Board. B.Thomas to send a letter to the Planning Board stating N.Ferdinand’s intent.

Advisory Committee - Highlands Watershed Protection Plan has a zoom meeting on June, 12th J.Gross to attend.

Management of Leaf Blower Usage - L.Jenssen to email B.Thomas Princeton’s Ordinance to share with commission..

Street Fair Sunday, October 13, 2024 - Garbage as the topic. Invasive Species Identification/Remediation possible idea. Electric Landscape Equipment education/demonstration- possible idea - raffle piece of equipment.

New Business:

Discussed a workshop about invasive species-identification and remediation, also tie this into Street Fair

Public Comment: K,Schwarz discussed a company that composts. She will do more research and report back to the commission.

Adjournment: at 8:35 pm Motion: D.Blair, Second: J.Gross, All in Favor: Yes