

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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), B.Thomas (Secretary), D.Blair, N.Ferdinand, R.Geist, J.Gross, J.Kinney, B.Pickens

Also Present: K.Schwarz

Absent: E.Haversang (Council Liaison),

Approval of Minutes:

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

Correspondence:

Old Business:

Highlands Grant - nothing to report.

Weis Mill Dam – J.Gross reported that the public hearing that was held Thursday, July 18th at 6:00 pm went well. L.Jenssen reported that Raritan Headwaters w/PARC will be planting trees at the park and will need volunteers to plant and clear areas.

Garbage Collection – J.Gross called around and made a list of companies, she requested that members send her their rates. D.Blair to share information he got from Hunterdon County.

ANJEC Grant – J.Gross asked if fencing around pollinator garden should be removed or upgraded? B.Pickens to see if she has any fencing. Members were encouraged to look around for fencing and will discuss it at September’s meeting.

The Planning Board - N.Ferdinand reported that the last two meetings have been cancelled. Next meeting is scheduled for August 21st.

Advisory Committee – Next meeting coming up in September. J.Gross to present photos of clogged stone channel wave in town.

Management of Leaf Blower Usage - L.Jenssen reported that the leaf blower bill passed through the Senate Environment Community and it will next go to the Appropriations Committee.

“Clayton’s Corner”, triangle in front of the post office has been cleared. EC and M.Medea to meet Thursday, August 22 @5:00 pm there to look and discuss options. K.Mastro to be asked to attend as well.

Street Fair Sunday, October 13, 2024 – electric landscaping equipment. Survey card asking residents if they would be interested in participating in community composting and attending a meeting about garbage collection processes.

Workshop ideas – **Amended to “Fall informational meeting not a workshop referencing garbage”**, February/March topic invasive species-identification and remediation.

New Business: Community Shred Day – not something EC is interested in hosting/being part of. Interest was shown in touring a Recycling Center.

Public Comment:

Adjournment: at 8:15 pm Motion: D.Blair, Second: J.Kinney, All in Favor: Yes