



## Little Egg Harbor Township Environmental Commission

### June 27, 2024 Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Open Public Meeting Statement
4. In attendance: Christine Moran, Cynthia Varamo, Kathy Tucker, Arlene Keenan, Chuck Griffin, Colleen Forest and Carol Evans
5. Approval of the minutes for May 23,, 2024
6. Poster Contest-Terrapin Awareness
  - a. We received posters from 4 2nd-grade classes at George A. Mitchell School. 3 winners from each class were selected.
  - b. Poster awards were presented to the students.
7. Ordinance clarification concerning unsafe docks. This was tabled until the next meeting so we can talk about it with G. Franco present.
8. Planning & Zoning updates
  - a. C. Moran will contact J. Orris about the impervious surface ordinance in town.
  - b. The topic was tabled for more research
9. South Barnegat Bay Watershed Protection & Restoration Plan is being reviewed June 19th. C. Moran attended the meeting. It outlines some projects in the township that would improve water quality. There may be some funding available through ARPA. Some water testing project could be initiated through JC NERR. We should read through the document, look at the projects and try to find possible funding sources or partners.
10. Environmental Hero
  - a. K. Tucker will look for the flyer from last year.
  - b. It will be open to the public to nominate a resident. Residents will be able to submit their nominations via email.
  - c. We can determine the number of awards based on the number of people nominated.
  - d. We will present award at October 10th Township meeting. So we will need to decide at our September meeting
  - e. G. Franco will determine lead time for plaques. This may change our timeline.
11. October cleanup is scheduled for October 5th.
12. Rutgers open house is October 21st.
13. New website is being tested, we will develop the information we want on the site



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### 14. Environmental Commission Member Comment

- a. K. Tucker
  - i. Harvest festival will be at the Pinelands with Homecoming. Chuck & Colleen will work our table
  - ii. Rabies clinic moved to the Senior Center.
  - iii. Seaport Stitches Quilt Guild will donate 30 placemats to the Meals on Wheels lunch site
  - iv. There will be a walk with the mayor during Wellness Week.
- b. C. Evans
  - i. We need to order new recycle bags.
  - ii. No oil or antifreeze will be collected here due to not enough staffing to monitor area
  - iii. Found table cover
  - iv. Skip July meeting.
- c. C. Varamo
  - i. Terrapin seasons very active. Please be careful when driving on the local roads.
  - ii. Community Garden was planted by Public Works. K. Tucker is working with 2 master gardeners and Pete about maintenance and use. C. Varamo asked to be included in the meeting.
- d. A. Keenan
  - i. Island Automotive cut down trees behind store and put RV's there. There is a person living there. She reported it to the Mayor who advised that it was in the hands of Code Enforcement.
- e. C. Griffin
  - i. Saw turtles crossing Rt 539, reminded us to be aware

15. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM



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Meeting call to order  
Pledge of Allegiance



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### Open Public Meeting Statement

#### Roll Call

Members:	Kathy Tucker	_____	Chuck Griffin	_____
	Arlene Keenan	_____	Joe Rullo	_____
	Roberta Rapisardi	_____	Carol Evans	_____
	Colleen Forest	_____		
Alternates:	Gabriel Franco	_____	Christine Moran	_____
Green Team:	Cynthia Varamo	_____		

- Approval of the Minutes for January 2024 meeting
- Review of Sustainable Jersey Criteria
- April 20 Cleanup/Green Fair
- Tree Workshop
- Update Stormwater Management Plan
- Information about Wetlands Letter of Interpretation discussed at January meeting
- Table at Robert C Wood Early Childhood Education Center Community Resource Fair on April 27
- Poster contest 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Great Bay Blvd Cleanup April 21 with Save Barnegat Bay
- Public Comment
- Environmental Commission Member Comment
- Adjourn