

## December 18, 2024 Meeting

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Open Public Meeting Statement
- 4. In attendance: Christine Moran, Cynthia Varamo, Kathy Tucker, Gabriel Franco, Chuck Griffin, and Carol Evans
- 5. Environmental Hero Award was presented on December 12th to Gary and Roseann Rizzolo.
- 6. We want to thank retiring members- Colleen Forest, Church Griffin, Carol Evans, and Gabriel Franco.
- 7. Our Sustainable Jersey plan is up for renewal in February. We need to work together with J. Worth to complete the application. All were asked to look through requirements to see where we can earn extra points. In order to earn silver we need 350 points.
  - a. Areas to look at for points
    - i. Creative arts
    - ii. Safe routes to school
    - iii. Mayor's wellness
    - iv. Community garden
    - v. Activities at community center for health and wellness
- 8. Two properties mentioned at last meeting
  - a. Island Automotive is being handled in court
  - b. Tower was inspected and there is no danger to property or environmental issues
- 9. January 2025 meeting will be reorg, set duties of for each position, and priorities for the year.
- 10. There was mowing along Great Bay Blvd, down by Rutgers, but they pulled out trees and shrubs. The State is doing the clearing.
- 11. No public comment
- 12. Environmental Commission Member Comment
  - a. C. Evans
    - i. She will continue to work with us on cleanups to provide supplies and order trees.
    - ii. She thanked everyone for their work and it was a pleasure working with everyone.



- b. K. Tucker
  - i. Town cleanup and Green fair 4/19/25
  - ii. Shopping fair was a success with lots of stuff and a lot of people wanting stuff.
  - iii. She will reach out to 6th grade teacher about parade float
- c. G. Franco
  - i. He will handle ordering the plaque for Environmental Hero
  - ii. Has truck for the parade
- d. C. Griffin
  - i. Gave tabling materials to K. Tucker. It is in the shed at the community center
  - ii. Has the pole for the banner for the parade
- e. C. Moran
  - i. Rain garden workshop in March. We may invite people identified in watershed plan.
- 13. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM



Meeting call to order Pledge of Allegiance Open Public Meeting Roll Call		
Members:	Kathy Tucker Arlene Keenan Roberta Rapisardi Colleen Forest	 Chuck Griffin Joe Rullo Carol Evans
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