**BOROUGH OF CALIFON**

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 11, 2022**

**2022 REORGANIZATION MEETING – CALL TO ORDER**

*“I would like to announce and have placed in the minutes that adequate notice of this 2022 Reorganization 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”.*

**Roll Call: Present-** D. Blair, N. Ferdinand, R. Geist, L. Jenssen, J. Kinney, B. Pickens, K. Pickens, B.Thomas, J. Collins

Also Present – K.Schwarz

**Absent**, J. Gross,

**Administration of Oath of Office/Renewal**

L.Jenssen, D.Blair and B.Thomas took the Oath of Office. Motion was made by J.Kinney, seconded by B.Pickens, all in favor to nominate L.Jenssen as Chairperson

Member/Chairperson: Lori Jenssen 3 Years Expires: 12/31/24

Member: David Blair 3 Years Expires: 12/31/24

Council Liaison: 1 Year Expires: 12/31/22

Secretary Barbara Thomas 1 Year Expires: 12/31/22

**Current Members Terms**

Member: James Kinney 3 Years Expires: 12/31/23

Member: Nieves Ferdinand 3 Years Expires: 12/31/22

Member: Roberta Geist 3 Years Expires: 12/31/22

Member: Jennifer Gross 3 Years Expires: 12/31/22

Member: Becky Pickens 3 Years Expires: 12/31/22

Member: Kyle Pickens 3 Years Expires: 12/31/22

**Approval of the Annual Resolution of the Califon Environmental Commission- 2022-01**

**Open Public Meetings Act (OPRA)\***

All present members agreed to keep the meeting schedule for the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned.

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**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by K.Pickens, seconded by R.Geist to approve meeting minutes of November 9, 2021

**Correspondence**: 12/16/21 **–** Letter – Raritan Headwaters – 2022 Stream cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 23rd; 1/2/22 – EC will donate $500 (this has been budgeted). B.Pickens received an email from Zac Kircher asking her to run site one. She has agreed.

Email – Community Recycling Partnership with TerraCycle! – Municipal Recycling Program Opportunity. Literature was passed around and will be emailed to members. K.Schwarz has put a labeled can at the park where cigarette butts have previously been dumped. This can is now being filled. That’s awesome Kathleen! TerraCycle incentives were discussed as well. Electronics recycling was mentioned, this will take place again in another year.

1/11/22 – Voucher – ANJEC for membership dues (this has been budgeted). We will sign up for another year. B.Thomas to submit members emails – watch your emails for newsletters.

**New Business:** Stream cleanup April 23rd – B.Pickens will lead this up, R.Geist will help setup as well. Members have volunteered. B.Pickens will put on social media. K.Pickens mentioned youngsters looking for volunteer hours and this is a good opportunity. B.Pickens will write something for The Crier. Will also post on Califon’s website.

Volunteer needed for Open Space discussions with Planning Board Members. B.Pickens offered to be the open space volunteer. Anyone else interested can also join – more the better. Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Discuss possible Green Team collaboration with High Bridge EC. J.Collins discussed the Green Fair being held on May 14th. Green Fair is a smaller street fair. Sustainable is allowing towns to work together to earn points. High Bridge is a bronze. This is a 10-point activity. It was agreed that this would be a beneficial learning experience. Opportunity to cultivate relationships with vendors/exhibitors too. Our Green Team members are L.Jenssen, K.Mastro and R.Geist. The window to earn points is nearing the end, so this is more of an opportunity to learn. Maybe set up a table at the fair as well as implement something in our street fair. Signups for volunteers will be put available at the stream cleanup. J.Collins will respond to Pia Christiansen, who’s with High Bridge, about our interest.

J.Kinney and K.Pickens will pull the canoe out of the river and bring it to the dump. K.Mastro offered to store the canoe in the garage if necessary.

K.Pickens brought up selling reusable shopping and produce bags. Possibly asking local businesses to sponsor bags. Would need to design a bag. K.Pickens and L.Jenssen to check prices, bags and vendors. Something of quality, interesting, washable, waterproof, with bottom may make for great sales. J.Collins will see if there’s any room in the budget to see if Council can help out.

**Old Business:** Rain Gardens – put information on social media and pursue something in person in the spring. Suggest offering an online option for now, as well as having information at the Street Fair.

With no further business to attend the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M. Thomas