

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 2023**

**2023 REORGANIZATION MEETING – CALL TO ORDER**

L.Jenssen, Chair called the meeting to order by reading the following statement at 7:30 PM.

*“I would like to announce and have placed in the minutes that adequate notice of this 2023 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”.*

**Present Members:** L.Jenssen (Chair), B.Thomas (Secretary), E.Haversang (Council Liason), D.Blair. R.Geist, J.Gross, J.Kinney

**Absent Members:** N.Ferdinand, B.Pickens, K. Pickens

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (R.S. 40:56A-1)**  
(Mayoral Appointments)

**Administration of Oath of Office/Renewal**

Member: Nieves Ferdinand	3 Years	Expires: 12/31/25
Member: Roberta Geist	3 Years	Expires: 12/31/25
Member: Jennifer Gross	3 Years	Expires: 12/31/25
Member: Becky Pickens	3 Years	Expires: 12/31/25
Member: Kyle Pickens	3 Years	Expires: 12/31/25
Ed Haversang, Council Liaison	1 Year	Expires: 12/31/23
Secretary Barbara Thomas	1 Year	Expires: 12/31/23

**Current Members Terms**

Member: James Kinney	3 Years	Expires: 12/31/23
Member/Chairperson: Lori Jenssen	3 Years	Expires: 12/31/24
Member: David Blair	3 Years	Expires: 12/31/24

**Approval of the Annual Resolution of the Califon Environmental Commission- 2023-01  
Open Public Meetings Act (OPRA)\***

**\*Set Meeting Schedule**

**In 2023 Meetings have been tentatively scheduled for the following. This is subject to change depending on the agenda. Meeting time is tentatively set for 7:30 PM.**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023  
Tuesday, February 7, 2023  
Tuesday, March 14, 2023  
Tuesday, April 11, 2023  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023  
Tuesday, June 13, 2023  
No meeting in July  
Tuesday, August 8, 2023  
Tuesday, September 12, 2023  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023  
Tuesday, November 14, 2023  
No meeting in December**

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-01 was made by J.Kinney, Seconded by J. Gross, All in Favor

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM was made by D.Blair, Seconded by J.Gross, All in Favor

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 2023**

**2023 - REGULAR MEETING - CALL TO ORDER**

L.Jenssen, Chair called the meeting to order by reading the following statement at 7:41 PM.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Meeting of Tuesday, August 9<sup>h</sup>, 2022 Motion to approve was made by J.Gross, Seconded by D.Blair, All in Favor

Meeting of Tuesday, October 11, 2022 Motion to approve was made by J.Kinney, Seconded by J.Gross, All in Favor

**Correspondence:**

11/10/22 – Letter – Raritan Headwaters – 2023 Stream cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. We will participate and contribute \$500 this year. E.Haversang got a dumpster donated for this year’s event.

11/28/22 – Email – Highlands – Local Zoning Local Control grant – warehouses

12/5/22 – Letter NJ Highland Council public meeting days for 2023

12/12/22 – Letter – ANJEC Membership – we will sign up for the yearly cost of \$375

1/9/23 – Email Community Tree Recovery – once Council approves, we will apply for 300 trees to be distributed at Stream Cleanup 2023

**Old Business:**

Salem Oak Seedling – trees are safe – Parks & Recreation will let us know where this should be planted.

ANJEC Grant – pollinator garden at park –will work on planning at February’s meeting.

Open Space discussions w/Planning Board – nothing new to report

Weis Mill Dam – ash trees have been removed by the County. Nothing more to report

Green Team will meet prior to February’s meeting at 7:00 PM and discuss pros and cons.

Street Fair – coloring contest winners Saige Springer and River Paragas

Workshop/Presentation–Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>–focus on gardening, protecting plants from wildlife as topics.

Sidewalk salt was discussed and will be shelved at this point. D.Blair mentioned river water tests were conducted in the past using grant money. Results were average and might be something to consider doing every 10 years or so. J.Kinney referenced that Raritan Headwaters does testing as well.

**New Business:**

Stream cleanup Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – R.Geist, J.Kinney & L.Jenssen will be volunteers. We will also have tree giveaway like last year. J.Kinney has protector tubes for the seedlings.

**Public Comment:** None

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM was made by D.Blair, Seconded J.Gross, by All in Favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Thomas

01/11/2023