

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES – DRAFT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023
CALL TO ORDER**

L.Jenssen, Chair called the meeting to order by reading the following statement at 7:38 PM.

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

Present: L.Jenssen (Chair), B.Thomas (Secretary), E.Haversang (Council Liason), N.Ferdinand, R.Geist, J.Gross, B.Pickens
Also present: K.Schwartz

Absent: D.Blair, J.Kinney, K.Pickens

Approval of Tuesday, June 12, 2023 Minutes: Motion: E.Haversang Second: J.Gross All in Favor: Yes

Correspondence:

NJDEP Harmful Algae Blooms Advisory
DIY Septic Training – Musconetcong Watershed Association
NJ Highland Council – grant funding available – commission will review wish list and brainstorm ideas that will reflect the vision of the EC. E.Haversang and L.Jenssen will work together with the grant writing when an idea/plan has been voted on. Gazebo at Califon Commons was discussed. Plans that focus on the pond, ex: remediation, fire pit, solar fountains, walking trails were all discussed.

Old Business:

Salem Oak Seedling – unfortunately the seedling didn’t make it.
ANJEC Grant – pollinator garden it looks so good – need to find out if we can use monies for rain barrel installation, expand the garden with more plants, Street Fair giveaways.
Rain Barrel – need installation plan and run it past PARC. Maintenance was discussed – virtually there is no maintenance. There is an automatic overflow and mosquito proof lid. A non-potable sign will need to be posted. Voorhees High School EC club and art department heads have been emailed to see if there is any interest in helping us with this project.
Street Fair, Sunday, October 8, 2023. This year’s theme will be “Water”. Activity was discussed, which is a kiddie pool filled with trash items to remove w/tongs. Safety issues were discussed, B.Pickens will do some more research for an activity.

New Business: J.Kinney & E.Haversang removed some Japanese Knot Weed on the trail. L.Jenssen learned of a company, Native Greens, from Bergan County that eradicates weeds using steam instead of chemicals.

Public Comment:

Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:40 pm. Next Meeting September 12th, 2023