

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

L.Jenssen, Chair called the meeting to order by reading the following statement at 7:40 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:

Roll Call:

Present: L.Jenssen (Chair), B.Thomas (Secretary), E.Haversang (Council Liason), D.Blair, R.Geist, J.Gross
Also present: K.Schwarz

Absent: N.Ferdinand , J.Kinney, B.Pickens, K. Pickens

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting of Tuesday, August 8, 2023, Motion: E.Haversang Second: J.Gross All in Favor: Yes, Abstain: D.Blair

Correspondence:

Email – NJ Statewide Dam Removal Partnership – E.Haversang joined as an individual resident as well as a representative of EC and PARC.

Email – K.Schwarz – explained how the rain barrel gets winterized.

Phone call from K.Schwarz saying she received laundry detergent sheets at Long Valley’s Green Fair.

B.Thomas inquired with Long Valley and they purchased them from Amazon.

Email – K.Schwarz - garbage collections sandwich boards – great idea might be something to consider in the future.

Old Business:

ANJEC Grant - still open

Rain Barrel – E.Haversang will take care of gutter installation. Gutters to be installed this fall, ANJEC grant to pay for materials.

Street Fair, Sunday, October 8, 2023 – theme is water – identifying bugs in a healthy river card, imitate clean river with a kiddie pool and bugs for children to catch, children to decorate rain barrel with painted handprints, use reusable clothes to wash hands off (these will double as giveaway).

NJ Highlands Grant – E.Haversang said it was talked about at Council, and there is an interest. L. Jenssen requested that an email be sent to committee members along with the project wish list for members to contribute additional projects/ideas. The items discussed were the sign by Shannon’s, the island in front of the post office, restoration of the pond, trail map, town center beautification project, Need to find deadline date of grant.

New Business:

E.Haversang to forward the link for Tackling NJ's Growing Flooding Crisis Webinar to B.Thomas to forward to the commission.

R.Geist asked if this is the month that the Council was to meet with the County on the dam removal?

E.Haversang said property needs to be acquired by the County. It has not been discussed yet by the Council, but it is on the top of E.Haversang's list.

Public Comment:

Adjournment: Next Meeting October 10th, 2023