

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES - DRAFT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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 (7:44 pm), J.Kinney
Also present: K.Schwarz (via zoom)

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

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting of Tuesday, September 12, 2023, Motion: D.Blair Second: R.Geist All in Favor: Yes, Abstain: J.Kinney

Correspondence:

Email-Highlands Monthly Report – R.Geist stated High Bridge is applying and has a SOW
Email fwd from E.Haversang Tackling NJ’s Growing Flooding Crisis lots of communities having this problem

Old Business:

ANJEC Grant - still open. Rain Barrel project will be completed the same day as Stream Cleanup. J.Kinney will figure out gutters/clamps. Items to be purchased at the lumberyard. Handprints will also be added. B.Schwartz would like to be part of the installation. Check how much money is left and look to purchase/install an additional pollinator garden. J.Gross cleaned up the pollinator garden. Fall maintenance to be done once frost hits. (\$1500 grant we spent \$639.23 rec’d \$1000 balance of \$360.77; \$500 to be released from ANJEC. Street Fair, Sunday, October 8, 2023, it was a successful day. Lori said the organizers did a great job with this event. We have supplies left to use at Stream Cleanup. Think of a theme earlier next year. NJ Highlands Grant – a separate meeting for this was decided. The meeting will be 11/9/23 or 10/30/23. B.Thomas to email EC to pick a preferred date. D.Blair asked for the survey of Califon Commons. Pond restoration was discussed. K.Schwartz said wildlife is returning, appears the pond is doing some healing, and we need to be aware of that. Improvements to Califon Commons, triangle in front of post office, a new sign and trail signs were also discussed.

New Business:

E.Havesang said Weiss dam discussion is on Council’s agenda for 10/19/23.

Public Comment:

Adjournment: 8:25 pm - Next Meeting November 14, 2023