

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024**

L.Jenssen, Chair called the meeting to order by reading the following statement at 7:35 pm

“I would like to announce and have placed in the minutes that adequate notice of this 2024 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”.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

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

Also Present: Mayor C. Daniel, K. Mastro, Administrator, K.Scharwz

Absent: K. Pickens

Administration of Oath of Office/Renewal

Member: James Kinney	3 Years	Expires: 12/31/26
Ed Haversang, Council Liaison	1 Year	Expires: 12/31/24
Secretary Barbara Thomas	1 Year	Expires: 12/31/24

Current Members Terms

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

Resolution 2024-01 meeting time was amended to reflect 7:00 pm

Motion to accept amendment: D.Blair Second: J.Kinney All in Favor:Yes

Set Meeting Schedule

In 2024 Meetings have been tentatively scheduled for the following. This is subject to change depending on the agenda. The meeting time is tentatively set for 7:00 PM.

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

No meeting in July

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

No meeting in December

Motion: B.Picken Second: R.Geist All in Favor: Yes

Meeting Adjourned: 7:39 pm

Motion:B.Pickens Second: D.Blair All in Favor: Yes

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING - DRAFT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024**

L.Jenssen, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:40 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, November 14, 2023 Motion: D.Blair Second: J.Gross All in Favor: Yes

Correspondence:

11/15/23 – Letter – ANJEC Membership - will request ANJEC to accept \$375.

01/18/24 - Raritan Headwaters - Stream clean up contribution - will request contribution of \$500.

Old Business:

ANJEC Grant – pollinator garden at park – plans/purchases - balance is \$500 will discuss in the spring and ask PARC if we can expand.

Highlands Grant - nothing to report.

Weis Mill Dam - met with County and is moving along. Public hearing should be in March this will be held by the County.

New Business:

Stream cleanup Saturday, April 20th, 2024, registration opens March 1st, 2024. Volunteers (35) needed for site one Califon. <https://www.raritanheadwaters.org/get-involved-2/stream-cleanup-page/> - E.Haversang to look into dumpster. R.Geist to represent w/help from L.Jenssen and B.Pickens. Trees will be planted, given away and tubes will be removed from existing trees in the park. Express to volunteers that there will be more to do other than just stream cleanup.

Community Tree Recovery Program - application due 1/26/2024

Garbage Collection Survey - discussed franchising, utility - more research and discussion on this topic will take place. Mayor Daniel shared his knowledge of garbage collection scenarios.

Discussion took place about gas/electric landscaping equipment in reference to noise and time restrictions.

Suggestion to look at ANJEC website for sample ordinances. Possible Street Fair idea to educate/demonstrate electric landscape equipment.

Request approval from Council for EC to take over care of the triangle in the center of town.

B.Pickens announced K.Pickens is stepping down from the Environmental Commission.

Mayor Daniel said the Planning Board needs an EC Representative. The Planning Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Public Comment:

K Scharwz would love if the EC would consider town composting.

Mayor Daniel thanked the EC for all their volunteering and hard work.

Adjournment: 9:02 pm

Motion: D.Blair Second: J.Kinney All in Favor: Yes