

**TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM
ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION**

MINUTES

December 4, 2023

6:30 PM

Municipal Bldg.

Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Lieberman called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

Flag Salute

Statement of Conformance with Open Public Meetings Act

This is a regular meeting of the Evesham Township Environmental Commission. This meeting is compliant with the Open Public Meeting Act and other applicable laws of the State of New Jersey. This Commission is advisory, and this meeting shall be conducted in an orderly manner. Any questions or comments will be limited to issues relevant to what the Commission may consider in reaching a decision in its advisory role.

Roll Call

Present: Higginbotham (6:45), Vice Chairman Lieberman, Staff, DuCoin, Gonzalez

Absent: Paone

Also Present: Councilwoman Cooper, Katelin (Student Liaison), Kevin Rijs Director of Community Development, Terri Bracchi Recording Secretary.

Old Business

2023-2024 Evesham Township Community Energy Plan (CEP) M23-5: Township Planner, Heyer, Gruel & Associates. CEP November 8th Community meeting was held. CEP was discussed at the November 21st Council Meeting. CEP process to be communicated to Planning Board at the December 5th meeting.

Megan Stanley, Planner – survey will go out to 100 people, hope they will return it. Grant will be placed in January or February, will be able to apply for further grants.

2023 Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) scheduled for 7:00 PM Planning Board public hearing on December 5 meeting.

New Business

1. NJDEP Tree Removal/Replacement Ordinance (due by May 1, 2024).
No action required.
2. NJDEP Privately-Owned Salt Storage Ordinance (due by May 1. 2024).
3. ANJEC Membership 2024
Annual report due in January. What are the benefits of belonging to group?
4. ANJEC Action Alert: Sample Resolution:
SUPPORTING CONTINUATION OF CORPORATE BUSINESS TAX (CBT) AT 2023 RATE TO FUND CRITICAL OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND HAZARDOUS SITE CLEANUP FUNDING.
5. 2024 EC Meeting Dates. Wednesday meeting shift and meeting room change.
6. Sustainable Jersey Certification 2024-2025.

Certification good through 2025.

7. Green Team Meeting dates 2024
Vassallo on Green Team and Higginbotham is the Liaison. Environmental Commission should get Copies of agendas and proposal plan.
8. Bee City. Status Report. Kelly Heard will meet with grant writers. Received 3 applications to join the group.
9. Guest Speaker. Kevin Rijs recommends someone from the Engineers Office attend the next meeting.

Correspondence and Minutes and Memorialization of Decisions.

A motion was made by DuCoin and seconded by Staff to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2023 meeting.

Recorded Votes

Ayes: Higginbotham, Lieberman, Staff, DuCoin. Gonzalez
Motion approved.

Public Comment

Stephen Elliott introduced new Ambassador Steven Snyder.

Rosemary Bernard – talked about trails.

Adjournment

Commission approved the motion to adjourn at 7:45.

Approved by Board

Terri Bracchi, Recording Secretary