

COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2025 – 7:00 pm
Town Hall Annex, 3 Veterans Way, Colts Neck Township

1. Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Hennessy at 7:03 PM

2. Salute to the Flag (Done)

3. Sunshine Law Notice: (Read by secretary)

“THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW JERSEY PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW HAVE BEEN SATISFIED BY NOTICING THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE TWO RIVER TIMES ON FEBRUARY 26, 2025 STATING THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION WOULD BE HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2025 AT 7: 00 P.M., COLTS NECK TOWN HALL ANNEX, 3 VETERANS WAY, COLTS NECK. A COPY IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.”

4. Roll Call: Environmental Commission: Present: Thomas Hennessy, Thomas Pacheco, Allan Ryan, Teresa Danile, Dina Ryan and Ray Malak; Excused: Sue Fitzpatrick, Bob Lutkewitte; Absent: Theresa Velardi

Roll Call: Green Team Advisory Committee:

Present: Thomas Hennessy, Alison DeNoia, Bob Lutkewitte, Teresa Danile, Allan Ryan, Dina Ryan; Excused: Sue Fitzpatrick

5. Discussion Items:

- a. 2026 Goals and Objectives of the Environmental Commission, Shade Tree and Green Team

6. Minutes

November 18, 2025 meeting - Motion to approve: Allan Ryan; Second: Teresa Danile; - All in favor: YES

7. Old Business

- Liaison Report: Committeewoman Sue Fitzpatrick was excused from meeting; however, Sue provided for circulation an updated written summary on “Colts Neck 250th Celebration Events”
- Sustainable NJ update: Teresa Danile continues to review and assemble materials that might be of earnings/credit to application
- Clean Communities – no updates
- Recruiting results for new membership on our commissions/committee (Dina Ryan reported that Dr. Garibay in late November recirculated to school parents an informational email as to opportunities to support the Environmental Commission; such effort hasn’t yielded any replies as yet; but it was noted most likely due to busy holiday season upon us; we will ask Dr. Garibay to recirculate the information again in early spring.
- Environmental impact/quality of life issues – Mr. Hennessy circulated the Township’s “Noise” and “Dog” ordinances and asked the commission members to review; we also touched on “Lighting” issues (in particular commercial establishments in town and potential hazards if not abided).

8. New Business

- Official recognition of the incorporation of the CN Shade Tree Commission into the Environmental Commission (Mr. Hennessy shared that he just recently received ordinance 2025-2 (Shade Tree Commission Abolition Ordinance, adopted on January 29, 2025)
- 2026 budgets for Environmental Commission, Shade Tree Commission and Green Team (to be further considered)
- 2026 meeting dates schedule (time and dates) to be established at our meeting of January 20, 2026

9. Planning Board Business

Application No. not assigned as yet – Read preliminarily Bohler application for **Block 53, Lot 17** (Obre Road)

10. Comments from the Public

Motion to Open Public Comment: Alison DeNoia; Second: Teresa Danile – All in Favor: YES;

Motion to Close Public Comment: Allan Ryan; Second: Thomas Pacheco; – All in Favor: YES

11. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Teresa Danile; Second: Allan Ryan; - All in Favor: YES; Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 PM

*The next Environmental Commission Meeting will be January 20, 2026
7:00 pm at the Colts Neck Town Hall Annex, 3 Veterans Way, Colts Neck Township*

Respectfully submitted,
Dina Ryan, Secretary