COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2025 – 7:00 pm
Town Hall Annex, 3 Veterans Way, Colts Neck Township

1. Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Hennessy at 7 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 MAY 20, 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:** Sue Fitzpatrick, Thomas Hennessy, Thomas Pacheco, Allan Ryan, Teresa Danile, Ray Malak, Dina Ryan; **Excused:** Bob Lutkewitte, Theresa Velardi

Roll Call: Green Team Advisory Committee:

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

5. Discussion Items:

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

6. Minutes

April 15, 2025 meeting - Motion to approve: Teresa Danile; Second: Allan Ryan; All in favor: Yes

7. Old Business

- Liaison Report (Sue Fitzpatrick) (1) April 26, 2025 – successful Sapling Giveaway- excess plants were moved to Library Sale day and all plants were handed out; (2) May 26, 2025 - Memorial Day Parade and festivities to follow at Firehouse #2; (3) Township Committee meeting May 28th; (4) Summer Concert series begins on June 5th.
- Application to submit to Sustainable NJ (Bronze level) (due July 31) (thanks to Teresa Danile who drafted up a certification list for application eligibility and will continue to gather information to complete same).
- Deer Management Plan (Thom Hennessy) – still waiting for plan from the County.
- Forest Management Plan - Forest Fire Prevention (Thom Hennessy)- made inquiry as to Forest Access Roads; Allan Ryan will bring question to next fire department meeting.
- Clean Communities Opportunities (Clean Communities links for eligibility etc. appear on Township's DPW Page)-no updates
- Bob Lutkewitte (excused from meeting) shared via email that he corresponded directly with 2 school principals (Ms. Barr and Mr. Osmond) re introducing and recruiting young families to Environmental Commission; both principals were receptive. Ms. Barr asked Mr. Lutkewitte to please speak to the Superintendent, Dr. Garibay, first since all district communication needs to be approved by her before shared with families. Dr. Garibay responded by saying she would discuss how to share this information at the school's next district administrative team meeting.

8. New Business

- Tree City Award – no updates
- Dark Sky (Light Pollution) - Sue Fitzpatrick – no updates

9. Planning Board Business - None

10. Comments from the Public

Motion to Open Public Comment: Allan Ryan; Second: Teresa Danile – All in Favor: Yes

Rosie and Jay Cooley, 72 Heulitt Road, were in attendance; no particular comments; just wanted to educate themselves on what's happening in town.

Motion to Close Public Comment: Teresa Danile; Second: Allan Ryan; All in Favor: Yes

11. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Tom Pacheco; Second: Dina Ryan; All in Favor: Yes; Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 PM

The next Environmental Commission Meeting will be June 17, 2025
7:00 pm at the Colts Neck Town Hall Annex, 3 Veterans Way, Colts Neck Township