COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP

Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2025 – 7:00 pm, 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 MARCH 18, 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, Bob Lutkewitte, Allan Ryan, Dina Ryan and Ray Malak; **Excused:** Sue Fitzpatrick, Teresa Danile, Theresa Velardi

Roll Call: Green Team Advisory Committee: **Present:** Thomas Hennessy, Alison DeNoia, Bob Lutkewitte, Allan Ryan, Dina Ryan; **Excused:** Sue Fitzpatrick, Teresa Danile, Eileen Stivala

5. Oaths of Office (if any) - none

6. Discussion Items:

a. Review 2025 Contact List of Members (for those not present at January and/or February meeting) – Mr. Malak provided updates on his contact information

b. Continued with discussions re: direction of the Green Team & Environmental Commission & Shade Tree

7. Minutes

a. February 18, 2025 meeting

Motion to approve: Thomas Pacheco; Second: Allan Ryan - All in favor: Yes

8. Old Business

Status - ERI review & status report: Sent to Long Range Planning for approval

Continued with discussions re:

- Initial Application of Intent to be submitted to Sustainable NJ (maintain Bronze level) – Alison DeNoia advised that we have until May (Alison DeNoia will check actual date) to submit application; we advised Alison that, at the February meeting, Theresa Velardi had offered to lead application process; Alison indicated she would reach out to Theresa to help coordinate the application efforts.

- Sustainable NJ - Allan Ryan gave update on possible Emergency Management activity to earn points for application; Bob Lutkewitte suggested looking into Clean Communities project (Clean Communities links for eligibility etc. appear on Township's DPW Page; Topic of brush on side of roads (adding to possible fire hazards) was brought up; Allan Ryan will make inquiry with EFC to inquire if anyone responsible for clearing brush..

- Deer Management Plan (Mr. Hennessey confirmed he will share MC Parks Deer Management Report when available)

- Update on Sapling Giveaway (Eileen Stivala coordinated last year's event with Bartlett Tree Service); the date assigned for Sapling Giveaway is Saturday, April 26, 2025; further details to be prepared for posting on Township's website.

-April 15th - 6 PM - Earth Week (with Earth Day being April 22, 2025 -clean up the Town Hall complex event (prior to our meeting closest to the 4/22 Earth Day date). Mr. Hennessy has coordinated it with Brian McNally, representing CN Recreation Committee. (Bags, gloves and pick-up sticks provided)

- Mr. Hennessey reported that $2,800 has been requested from Township for Environmental Commission budget

9. New Business

- Mr. Hennessy presented plans regarding Source Brewery (Application No. ZB 2038, Block 46, Lot 17.13) – No Comment – Plans still under review

10. Comments from the Public (N/A – no public attendance)

Motion to Open Public Comment ____; Second – All in Favor ___; Motion to Close Public Comment ___ Second – All in Favor

9. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Bob Lutkewitte; Second Allan Ryan; All in Favor - Yes; Meeting Adjourned at 8:04 PM

The next Environmental Commission Meeting will be April 15, 2025
7:00 pm at the Colts Neck Town Hall Annex, 3 Veterans Way, Colts Neck Township

Respectfully submitted,
Dina M. Ryan, Secretary