COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2025 – 7:00 pm, 2 Veterans Way, Colts Neck Township

1. Meeting called to Order 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 JANUARY 22, 2025 STATING THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION WOULD BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 18, 2025 AT 7: 00 P.M., COLTS NECK LIBRARY, LOWER LEVEL, 2 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, Theresa Velardi, Teresa Danile, and Dina Ryan; Excused: Bob Lutkewitte; Absent: Ray Malak

5. Oaths of Office: For Environmental Commission administered to Teresa Danile and Dina Ryan; For Green Team administered to Teresa Danile, Allan Ryan and Dina Ryan

6. Discussion Items:

a. Reviewed 2025 Contact List of Members

b. Continued with discussions re:

- direction of the Green Team & Environmental Commission & Shade Tree

7. Minutes

a. January 18, 2025 meeting

Motion to approve: Allan Ryan; Second: Thom Hennessy – All in favor: Yes

8. Old Business

Status - ERI review & status report: Still in review by Planning Board (Attn: George Corsi)

Continue with discussions re:

- Initial Application of Intent to be submitted to Sustainable NJ (maintain Bronze level) – commission reviewed in detail list of items to qualify; Theresa Velardi will Chair completing the application (and confer with Teresa Danile) while all committee members will continue accumulating information to earn points which meet criteria in certain categories

- Deer Management Plan (for further consideration)

- Forest Management Plan (for further consideration)

- Budget proposal to be submitted by Chairman Hennessey to the Township Committee

9. New Business

- Discuss Sapling Giveaway (Dina Ryan to make inquiry with Bartlett Tree Experts)

- Confirmed April 15th - 6 PM - Earth Week -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)

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

Motion to Open Public Comment
Second – All in Favor
Motion to Close Public Comment
Second – All in Favor

9. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Allan Ryan; Second: Thom Hennessy

- All in Favor: Yes – Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

The next Environmental Commission Meeting will be March 18, 2025
7:00 pm at the Colts Neck Library, 2 Veterans Way, Colts Neck Township

Respectfully submitted,
Dina M. Ryan
Secretary