Clinton Township Environmental Commission (CTEC)

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 3, 2025 – 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Meeting commenced at 7:07 pm

This is the April 3rd, 2025, public meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Township of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon and the State of New Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act in that an Annual Notice was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the notice for this meeting was posted on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building.

Attendance Call

Attendees:	Apologies
Geoff Varty (Chair) Danielle Kearsley (Vice Chair) Mario Caballero Robert Parkanyi Sandra Millward Doug Pecota Amelia Reitman, Alternate #1 Dan Aguanno, Alternate #2	Amy Switlyk (Council Liaison) Sandra Butcher (Planning Board Liaison) Daniel Magda (Watershed Ambassador)

Open to Public: No attendees

Approve meeting minutes

- March Meeting (Eligible members: GV, DK, MC, RP, SW, DP, AR, DA)
  - Proposer: MC; Seconder: DP
  - Minutes approved unanimously

Correspondence

- None

Old business

- **Latest on E-Coli sampling along the Rockaway Creek (DK)**
  - No update
- **Highlands Watershed Advisory Committee update (DK, DP, GV, SK)**

- Feedback from March 27th Committee meeting
- EC to provide comments and feedback by Monday April 7

- **Prostak West - Riparian Reforestation (DA & DK)** - Raritan Woods & Waterways Grant Program - Raritan Headwaters – **Saturday April 19th, 9 am – 1 pm, (May 3rd rain date)**
  - Finalize hole prep date with DPW (DK & DA).
- **Annual Report review (GV)**
  - Submitted to council. No plan to present at council meeting.
- **Windy Acres (AS)**
  - Walk with NJ Water Supply Authority – Friday, March 7
    - AS, DP, DK attended.
    - DK - Kathy Hale from NJWSA joined AS, DP, and DK on a walk along the bank of the S. Branch of the Rockaway Creek to evaluate as a potential location for future restoration. AS reached out to Bill Close, Township Administrator, to see if any NJDEP permitting would be required for the plantings. As per Bill Close, the NJDEP indicated that it is fine to plant trees along the Rockaway Creek and would be a "welcomed project". It would have to be submitted to them for approval if it was satisfying a permit and required a conservation easement. Also, if the Township were changing the area in question from an active recreation area to a passive recreation area then they would need to be notified/consulted as well prior to any work occurring there.
- **Road Salt Testing update (AR/DP)**
  - Hunterdon County ESA – interested in testing with us. GV/DP to coordinate for next Winter.
  - Four tests conducted - 83 ppm (South Branch Pump Station, Mar 15), 35 ppm (Cramer's Creek, Police Station, Mar 19) (AR)
  - Pump Station 74 ppm (Apr 2), 144 ppm (Rockaway Creek, WA. Mar 5)
  - Optimal level <50 ppm
  - Season finishing. Restart in Fall
- **Running list of ideas for Grants (All)**
  - ANJEC grants available
  - Deer program
  - Sustainable Farming
  - Salting – GV to talk to Jay re: ideas for working on issue
  - Feral cats – traps ($100) and sterilization ($150)
- **Budget** – Renewal sent for processing. GV to check on status and submit ANJEC membership renewal
- **RHA's 35th Annual Stream Cleanup: April 12, 2025**
  - Sign up open – https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-rha-annual-stream-cleanup-private-sites-registration-1255889301709?aff=oddtdtcreator
  - Information link - https://www.raritanheadwaters.org/stream-cleanup-registration.
- **Spring Township Cleanup**
  - When (June) and what locations?
  - Lilac Rd?
- **Earth Day, Deer Path Park, 8-9 am set up, 9:30-2:30**
  - **Attendees:** RP, DP, GV, AR, MC
  - Canopy, model (GV), tables, laptop/monitor, EV, sticker box (GV).
- **Community Day – Saturday, April 26 @ 1-6 pm**
  - Seedlings being purchased - GV check with AS
  - Other table ideas – Enviroscape model, ?

    - Giveaway – sticker box
    - Well water - GV to help advertise FB, E-mail blast, CodeRed
- **Annandale Train Station Cleanup** – to be rescheduled in May?

New Business

- No new business

Reports

- **Open Space (DP)**
    - No update. No meeting

- **Green Team (RP)**
    - No update. No meeting

- **Site Plan Review Subcommittee (GV)**
    - Review of CRC Communities at Longview Manor, Inc., Major Subdivision - Block 10, Lots 1 and 9.01. 191 & 211 Cokesbury Rd
    - 15 single family homes (170 acres).
    - Owner is amended previous subdivision approval for this property to eliminate 800' of roadway and re-arrange 3 lots

Recent & Upcoming Events:

- Restoring Riparian Habitats presentation at Hunterdon North County Library 4/2/2025
- Earth Day Festival, Deer Path Park, **Saturday April 5, attendees: RP, MC, GV, DP, AR**
- Raritan Headwaters 35th Annual Stream Cleanup – **Saturday April 12, attendees: MC, DK, DP, AR**
- Highlands Watershed Restoration & Protection Plan - South Branch Raritan
    - **Wednesday April 16, 4-6 pm** @ Washington Twp Public Library, 37 E. Springtown Rd, Long Valley
    - DK and GV plan to attend. Others welcome
    - https://forms.gle/ufoEQSzJcZuaCej3A
- Riparian Reforestation @ Prostak West – **Saturday April 19, 9 am – 1 pm; attendees: DA, DK, MC, RP, GV** https://www.trackitforward.com/site/370717/event/1037674
- Annandale Train Station Cleanup ?
- Community Day **– Saturday April 26, 1-6 pm; attendees: SM, DK, MC, DP,**
- Windy Acres tree planting – **Saturday May 17, 9 am – 12 pm; attendees: AS, DK, GV**
    - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CAAAC22A6FCC25-55560668-bulk
- Sustainable Jersey Summit **- May 09, 2025, 8 am – 4 pm; attendees: MC, RP**

Open to Public

Motion to Adjourn – Proposer: DK; Seconder: DP

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Business for next meeting (Thursday, May 1)