

Frelinghuysen Township Environmental Commission
November 27, 2023

The regular meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey on Monday, November 27, 2023, and was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Dave Paust.

Attendance

Meg Choudry, Alan De Carolis, Dave Paust, Bob Stock, and Secretary, Donna Zilberfarb were present.

Minutes of October 12, 2023, were approved on a motion by Mr. Stock seconded Mr. DeCarolis. All were in favor.

New Business

- Mr. DeCarolis made a motion to nominate Ms. Choudry as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Stock. All were in favor.
- Meeting dates and times were discussed for 2024 and it was decided that they would meet 6 times on the 4th Monday of those months at 7 pm. An extra day was decided for February.
- The budget for 2024 was discussed and the commission will submit their budget request and will include the ANJEC membership fee. It was discussed about donations/fundraising and how that would work. Ms. Zilberfarb will discuss with the CFO.
- All members had a copy of the draft mission statement that was put together. Mr. Paust suggested adding wildlife and hunting and Ms. Choudry asked to get any changes back to her. Ms. Choudry mentioned conducting in school assemblies and getting teachers involved. It was also determined to go to the Charter School.
- A kickoff meeting was mentioned and was determined that it was too late for December and will look into for next year.
- Mr. Paust discussed the Hope Township Environmental meeting and handed the members some things that they hand out to residents during their “green day”.

Public comment

- Marty Connor discussed things that the Environmental Commission had done in the past.
 - the plastic recycling program and he is handling. He explained that the goal was achieved and a trex bench would be given to the town. A new round of collecting will start at the end of January.
 - He discussed the ANJEC program and let everyone know the classes they offer for members and that the town has received grants that are usually \$1,500.00 but need to be environmentally orientated.
 - He also discussed the seedlings program for Earth Day and let everyone know that in the past the dpw picked up the seedlings and they received 500 seedlings. Some went to the school for the children and gave out to the community as well.
 - He let them know that the commission conducted a road side cleanup and suggested planning one.
 - He also discussed an event at the school and recommended Debra Natyzak as she has many artifacts from the area.

- Mr. Connor also let the members know about the Paulina dam project that is going on to restore the Paulinskil to its natural flow.
- He also explained that any Land Use Board application should have documents sent to the Environmental commission for their knowledge.
- Alan DeCarolis thanked Mr. Connor and asked to consider rejoining the Environmental Commission again. Mr. Connor explained he didn't have enough time and that is why he left.

Correspondence

- Cramer Ecological Services, LLC – Freshwater wetlands statewide general permit no 10a and flood hazard area general permit no. 6 applications. Block 1302, Lot 3.19

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. DeCarolis, seconded by Mr. Stock to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb, Secretary