



LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
from the Pinelands to the Bay

Little Egg Harbor Township Environmental Commission
February 23, 2023
Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Open Public Meeting Statement** This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. Notice of this meeting of **February 23, 2023** was duly advertised, posted in the Municipal Complex, and has remained posted as required underneath the aforesaid statute. The secretary is directed to include a record of this statement in the minutes of this meeting.
4. **In attendance:** Kathy Tucker, Arlene Keenan, Chuck Griffin, Erica Napolitano, Joe Rullo and Christine Moran for the **Green Team**
Also Mayor Blaise Scibetta, Committeeman Ken Laney and Amanda Archer from the Rutgers Coastal Training Program
5. Approval of minutes for January 26, 2023
6. Little Egg Harbor has been renewed as a member of the **Association of New Jersey Environ Commissions (ANJEC)**. Please visit their website at <https://anjec.org> for a list of included benefits and available resources.
7. As per Katie Baker, secretary, we need to meet with our webmaster to discuss our additions to the LEHT website.
We cannot use photos from Facebook etc without permission.
Our webpage will include links to:
 - Sustainable NJ
 - Our Mission Statement
 - a calendar with our upcoming events
 - application form for "Environmental Hero Award"

8. **Earth Day Cleanup** April 22, 2023. Frog Pond Student Government is volunteering to get involved with our next cleanup. Erica also suggested that they participate in a service learning project with us. We will be contacting Alex Henderson who is the 6th grade science teacher and advisor for the student government. We would also like to contact Mr Henderson's dad, Troy Henderson, who is the principal of the high school to possibly get their involvement also.
9. A request for a building permit for **449 Twin Lakes Blvd** has been submitted. This will be referred to the construction office. If we ever see a possible construction violation we are to refer it to Rodney Haines, Township Administrator.
10. Brita Forseberg from **Save the Barnegat Bay** will be a guest speaker at our next meeting, March 23, to share more about her role and how we can work together over the upcoming year.
11. Kasey Powers, **LEHT Purchasing Agent**, has approved our upcoming clean up day.
 - Our tent purchase is approved and needs a purchase order.
 - Our recognition plaque has been approved.
12. **Environmental Hero Award** This award recognizes community members for their outstanding service to the environment. Applicants can be either a resident, a business or organization. We will have a form on our website to apply for this.
 - Potentially, the award will be presented at the LEHT Twp mtg on April 13,2023
 - Flyers for the award are being made.
 - Deadline for application submission is March 15,2023. There will be a separate email address just for nominations,
 - Gabe Franco will handle the plaque purchase from Amazon.
13. **Public Comments** Amanda Archer, Coastal Training Program Coordinator for the **Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve** spoke to us about the app <https://mycoast.org/nj> . This app has a wealth of information regarding coastal flooding and urges you to submit pictures of coastal flooding near your home.
 - This would be a great app to post on our new website.

Blaise told us of a **Coastal Resiliency Grant**, \$750,000 that was received by LEHT. This grant is not involved with the offshore windmill project. Also there is a road raising project that is taking place near Flax Ct.

We discussed having a float in the Memorial Day parade. Kathy Tucker agreed to look into this.

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13 (cont) A grand opening for the LEHT Community Ctr will be on Saturday May27. Colleen and Chuck will set up the "swag table".

Ken Laney will organize a paint party for the community center shed on Sunday, February 26 at 9 AM.

Arlene Keenan will be getting an EC logo sign for the shed.

Blaise explained that LEHT is still in discussion with AC Elec regarding the sub station that is needed to further increase our use of solar energy. He also discussed our plans to switch our street lights to more energy efficient bulbs.

Walkability study Ocean County states that we (LEHT) is considered to be a rural area and thereby do not qualify for curbs and sidewalks. They have, however, widened the shoulder on Radio Rd (towards the bridge) and made the roadway narrower,

14 **Environmental Commission Member Comments**

-Erica stated that Roberta will be sending us "Clean Up Day" flyers

-Joe discussed a retention basin near the municipal building that is gathering trash. Blaise said that he will find out who owns it.

-Joe Rullo discussed a 30 day moratorium on the use of sonar by the offshore windmill program. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Adjourn...8:30 PM