



Little Egg Harbor Township Environmental Commission

January 23,2025 Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Open Public Meeting Statement
4. In attendance: Christine Moran, Cynthia Varamo, Kathy Tucker, Arlee Keenan, Roberta Rapisardi, Joe Rullo, Amanda Archer, and John Greco
5. We want to welcome our new members- Amanda Archer and John Greco.
6. Our Sustainable Jersey plan is up for renewal in February. We need to work together with J. Worth to complete the application. We also need to set priorities for 2025
 - a. R. Rapisardi will work on Tobacco Free Community.
 - b. C. Varamo will work on Community Garden and Stormwater Control Ordinance
 - c. K. Tucker will work on Building Healthier Communities
 - d. C. Moran will work on Municipal Commitment to the Arts
 - e. J. Greco will look into some of the Health categories relating to lead
7. A potential ordinance was introduced by R. Rapisardi regarding vaping/e-cigs sales to minors.
8. A future area of interest is recycling vaping/e-cig materials. They are considered hazardous waste and currently there is nowhere to dispose of them.
9. An issue which came from our discussions is potentially developing a web page for the town website which lists community services-ie food banks, shelters, hotline numbers
10. There was mowing along Great Bay Blvd, down by Rutgers, but they pulled out trees and shrubs. The State is doing the clearing.
11. Public Comment
 - a. J. Edmunds proposed a zoning change for the municipality which would decrease the density of housing allowed. This would lessen the load on our infrastructure.
 - b. B. Scibetta is excited we are trying for silver status in Sustainable Jersey. He reiterated that we need a schedule for 2025 with planned activities and coverage. And we should look at the landscaping at the Community Center. There is a tree fund which we can potentially use to fund the project
12. Environmental Commission Member Comment
 - a. C. Varamo
 - i. Questioned if we want to do the terrapin poster contest again and the committee said yes.
 - b. K. Tucker



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- i. Town cleanup and Green fair 4/19/25. We will advertise this sooner. Crafts for kids were well received. We will try to utilize volunteers-Boy and Girl Scouts
 - c. A. Keenan
 - i. Advertise the Environmental Hero award sooner. We should start explaining it at the Green Fair
 - ii. We should hold a native plant sale with the Green Fair.
 - d. A. Archer
 - i. JCNERR will host a design landscape workshop for rain gardens. It will be 3/11 from 5:30-8
 - e. J. Rullo
 - i. Welcomed new members
 - f. C. Moran
 - i. Questioned who completed the mural on the community center
13. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM



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Meeting call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Public Meeting Statement

Roll Call

Members:	Kathy Tucker	_____	Chuck Griffin	_____
	Arlene Keenan	_____	Joe Rullo	_____
	Roberta Rapisardi	_____	Carol Evans	_____
	Colleen Forest	_____		

Alternates:	Gabriel Franco	_____	Christine Moran	_____
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Green Team:	Cynthia Varamo	_____
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Approval of the Minutes for January 2024 meeting

Review of Sustainable Jersey Criteria

April 20 Cleanup/Green Fair



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Tree Workshop

Update Stormwater Management Plan

Information about Wetlands Letter of Interpretation discussed at January meeting

Table at Robert C Wood Early Childhood Education Center Community Resource Fair on April 27

Poster contest 3rd grade

Great Bay Blvd Cleanup April 21 with Save Barnegat Bay

Public Comment

Environmental Commission Member Comment

Adjourn