



## Little Egg Harbor Township Environmental Commission

### January 22, 2026 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, Amanda Archer, Arlene Keenan, Monica Frazer, Chelsea Rogan, and Roberta Rapisardi.
5. New members, Chelsea and Monica, were welcomed. S. Carrara will be the new liaison for the commission.
6. Officers for 2026: Roberta Rapisardi-Chairperson and Cynthia Varamo-Secretary
7. Environmental Hero-per B. Scibetta, CFO, is determining where the "tree fund" balance is to determine if there is money for the trees. Otherwise we will look into donations from local nurseries.
8. Council is not interested at this time in pursuing a Community Wildfire plan with NJFFS.
9. A proposed microplastic ordinance was submitted to the town council. B. Scibetta believed there was already something in town code about this. C. Varamo asked for a copy of the ordinance. A. Archer suggested the flyers about dangers could be included in the application packet.
10. Barnegat Bay Watershed plan was submitted to council for adoption by the town so it can be utilized by the Planning and Zoning board when considering applications. We need to follow up with the council. A. Archer contacted C. Obrueta for model ordinance to adopt it.
11. 2026 Priorities:
  - a. K. Tucker is organizing a Garden club with the seniors. She may also expand it to include the community garden. C. Varamo provided the information from Sustainable Jersey regarding Community Gardens.
  - b. We will continue with town clean-up and Green Fair.
  - c. Natural Resource Inventory for Sustainable Jersey and Stormwater Management Requirements. C. Varamo will reach out to J. Worth about the project.
  - d. Drug Free/tobacco free. We will work to update town ordinances for vaping, we will also look into Responsible Server Training for establishments in town serving alcohol. Per B. Scibetta, we should contact the Chamber of Commerce to see if they would support this.
12. Great Bay Blvd housing development CAFRA notice. We will look at the letter previously drafted and update it if necessary. Upon research, we got the new notice because the



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previous application was withdrawn. C. Varamo will forward prior letter to new members.

### 13. Upcoming events:

- a. 4/25 green fair
- b. 4/22 event Early Childhood open house

### 14. Environmental Commission Member Comment

- a. Kathy- will work with Carol for turtle poster contest
- b. Roberta- January 27 there is a drug free community training focusing on underage drinking and vaping that we are invited to.
- c. Environmental vs Green Team. It was asked why all members had to be on both committees and not just recruit more people to make more of an impact in the town. B. Scibetta was asked for names of people who applied but were turned down so maybe we could expand the committee.

### 15. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 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

Tree Workshop



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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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Great Bay Blvd Cleanup April 21 with Save Barnegat Bay

Public Comment

Environmental Commission Member Comment

Adjourn