



Little Egg Harbor Township Environmental Commission

August 27, 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, Arlene Keenan, Amanda Archer, Terri Hackett, and Kathy Tucker.
5. July minutes were approved.
6. 2026 Priorities:
 - a. Town clean-up rescheduled for 10/3. Form is posted on the website and 2 people have registered so far.
 - b. Terrapin Poster Contest- the guidelines should be redone depending on grades involved. C. Varamo will speak with the teachers to see if the art teacher is still involved.
 - i. Per grade guidelines should be established for next year's contest.
 - ii. We should narrow down the projects for final vote, especially if Art teacher is involved and there is a high level of participation
 - iii. Work should be done in school
 - c. A. Keenan suggested a Recycled Art Contest which could be showcased at the Green Fair
 - d. Drug Free/tobacco free topics/projects
 - i. Resource page has been created. The list of resources looks complete. We discussed linking it to town website but we thought it would be better to add a "coming events" page where we could put flyers with live links to registration page
7. Mystic Beach Information Board
 - a. Poster size is 2x3. K. Tucker will send the poster as it is for printing so we can look at it and make final determination about size and pictures.
 - b. So far, there is only 1 estimate for mounting board
 - c. We discussed keeping the before and after pictures from the same perspective and not using AI generated photos as they add elements to the pictures
 - d. We also discussed the proportions of the pictures. Before and after pictures and wildlife should be bigger than the header and footer.



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8. Steve Fiedler made a presentation about his project getting the Mullica River a Wild & Scenic designation. He is working to gain partners and informing all the towns along the Mullica of the importance of this project.
 - a. He created a video: Friends along the Mullica which can be viewed at <https://gogreengalloway.org>.
 - b. Little Egg Harbor Council adopted a resolution to support this project Resolution 2026-243.
 - c. He asked and the committee agreed to send a letter of support to him so he can add it to his documentation and forward it to Pinelands Alliance. (Letter attached)
9. Review Applications
 - a. Historic Rands Marina repair project. It was suggested to write comments due to the fact that this is an environmentally sensitive area. When looking at the plans, there is a 125 ft fishing pier, new boat launch, and floating dock. The development of the area needs to be sensitive to the habitat. This is a site for terrapins, horseshoe crabs, nesting/foraging/migrating birds.(letter attached)
 - b. It was also noted that Township Clerk's office should send notices to us more timely.
10. Member Comment
 - a. T. Hackett: Fish kill at Osborne Island is being worked on by the town, DEP, Save Barnegat Bay to try to get funding for study and mitigation of the problem.
 - b. A. Archer brought information from Arbor Day foundation as a way to get trees. K. Tucker will look into it.
 - c. K. Tucker: Teen clean-up on 8/12 had 6 people and they collected 7 bags of trash. Their next clean-up is scheduled for after Halloween.
 - d. K. Tucker: Clean up & Green Fair is scheduled for 4/24/27
 - e. C. Moran suggested we address the fact that items should come to the planning board after they have all their other approvals.
 - f. C. Varamo addressed the need for Data Center ordinance and it was agreed to forward a copy to Council (copy attached)
 - g. C. Varamo: discuss a land use ordinance at each meeting and present possible changes to Planning Board and Council. This is in support of Master Plan re-evaluation. Ordinances to start with: Gateway Overlay Zone-allowable businesses, buffers, tree ordinances.



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11. Public Comment

- a. A. Meseguer spoke about Solar Advocates and the work they are doing with brownfields and landfills.

12. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 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

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