

**REGULAR MEETING**

**ROOSEVELT BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 7:00 P.M.**

**Roosevelt Borough Hall, 33 North Rochdale Avenue**

**OPENING MEETING: (Time)\_\_\_\_\_**

**SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER:**

Ralph Warnick

**ROLL CALL:** Ashburner\_\_\_\_, Johnson \_\_\_\_\_, Mendies \_\_\_\_\_, Parrott \_\_\_\_\_, Teich\_\_\_\_, Ticktin\_\_\_\_, Warnick \_\_\_\_\_, Murphy (Alt 1) \_\_\_\_\_, Debira (Atl 2) \_\_\_\_\_.

**ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING STATEMENT:** Adequate notice of this meeting has been given, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, by notices published in the Asbury Park Press and the Times of Trenton on January 30, 2025 and posted on the bulletin boards in the Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office.

**Environmental Commission Mission Statement**

1. To protect, preserve, and enhance the natural environment within our jurisdiction.
2. To promote sustainable practices and responsible resource management for the benefit of present and future generations.
3. To Advocate for environmental justice, ensuring equitable access to clean air, water, and a healthy environment for all communities.

Goals: Short term goals for the next 18 months approved (approved by EC on 11/15/23)

Environmental Education and Outreach of these subjects:

1. Forever Chemicals are PFAS chemicals that disrupt the immune system and are carcinogenic.
2. Investigate Community Solar or other programs that allow households to use renewable energy without installing solar panels on their homes. Learn more about Clean Choice energy which allows a resident to select renewable energy as the source of energy for their home. Present results at a community meeting.
3. Advocate for safe and responsible waste management practices. Partnering with the Recycle Coordinator to get more information out on what is recyclable. Also encourage use of eco-friendly products

**Land and People Acknowledgement**

The land and waterways upon which the residents of the Borough of Roosevelt gather and live are the ancestral and unceded Lenapehoking territory of the Lenni-Lenape nation. We honor the contributions of their ancestors, those now in the diaspora, and the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape, Ramapough Lenape and Powhatan Renape who continue to live in the areas we call New Jersey. We honor this ancestral land of the Lenni-Lenape Nation. May we live in harmony, caring for this sacred land.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the agenda and second was made by \_\_\_\_\_. Agenda was \_\_\_\_\_ passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA:**

Chairman Ticktin opens the meeting to the public for comments on the agenda at: \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.  
Chairman Ticktin closes the meeting to the public for comments on the agenda at: \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 18, 2024** – \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to approve the December 18, 2024, minutes with a second from \_\_\_\_\_.  
Minutes were \_\_\_\_\_ passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 15, 2025** – \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to approve the January 15, 2025, minutes with a second from \_\_\_\_\_.  
Minutes were \_\_\_\_\_ passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. **ANJEC** – New Year, New Members Recruiting for Success – Thursday, February 6, 2025, 7:00pm Via Zoom Webinar
2. **The Watershed Institute** – Register for the 8<sup>th</sup>. Annual NJ Watershed Conference
3. **NJDEP** – Register for Spring Core Training Short Course – March 3 – April 4  
Registration fee \$30
4. **NJDEP** – NJUCF News & Updates 2/1/25
5. **ANJEC** – Toxic Plastic Action Session – Thursday, February 27 at noon Via Zoom Meeting
6. **NJDEP** – Funding Opportunity – American Water & Environment Grant Program
7. **Sustainable Jersey** – First Municipal Certification Application Deadline February 23
8. **ANJEC** – Environmental News Digest February 11, 2025
9. **ANJEC** – 2025 Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions – Virtual Zoom Sessions

**REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON**

**REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

- Administrative
- Forest Management
- Invasive Plant Species
- Stream Monitoring

- Sustainable Jersey
- Goals Committee

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Sustainable Jersey - Recertification – Hilary Wilder
- **Little library project:** Approve plan to have one installed at school trailhead and one at each of the triangles in town (3 total). One is currently being painted by a teenage artist in town. The other two would also be painted by an artist in town. This was approved last year but wanted to discuss it again so it can move forward. Dave T. volunteered to store these until installation/painting is complete. Michael Merrit and the green team would then install.
- **Funds for additional puncheons for the Woodland Trail.** Michael Merrit provided us with costs (will provide details at the meeting or before via email). Google sheets doc to be printed for EC members [linked here](#).
- **Gift for Ellen Silverman** for her service to the EC. \$50 gift card or similar.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chairman Ticktin opens the public comment at: \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

Chairman Ticktin closes the public comment at: \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_ motioned to adjourn \_\_\_\_\_ offered a second. It was unanimously passed to adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.