

-ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

January 28, 2026

Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairman Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

SWEARING IN OF NEW AND REAPPOINTED MEMBERS:

Secretary, Maria Dellasala swears in:

Michael Ticktin, 3-year term, ending 12/31/28

Hilary Wilder, 3-year term, ending 12/31/28

Tim Hartley, unexpired term, ending 12/31/27

Kathleen Murphy fulfilling unexpired term (SA), ending 12/31/26

The Roll was called by Secretary, Maria Dellasala

Mayor Malkin introduces and gives a brief background of new members; Arielle Debira, Kate Murphy, Lawrence Mendies and Maureen Parrott. Mayor Malkin also explains some new requirements regarding Affordable Housing for the Borough.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Michael Ticktin, Tim Hartley, Lawrence Mendies, Kathleen Murphy, Hilary Wilder

Absent: Maureen Parrott, Dave Teich

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 Trenton Times on December 31, 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

Kathleen Murphy reads Land and People Acknowledgement

The land and waterways upon which the residents of the Borough of Roosevelt gather and live are the ancestral 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.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY

Chairman Ticktin asks for nomination for Vice-Chair, **Michael Ticktin** nominates **Hilary Wilder** as Vice-Chairperson to the Environmental Commission, with a second from **Lawrence Mendies**. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Tim Hartley nominates **Maria Dellasala**, as Secretary to the Environmental Commission, with a second from **Lawrence Mendies**. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026 AND JANUARY 2027: February 25, 2026; March 18, 2026; April 15, 2026; May 20, 2026; June 17, 2026; July 15, 2026; August 19, 2026; September 16, 2026; October 21, 2026; November 18, 2026; December 16, 2026; January 20, 2027.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING SCHEDULE:

Motion was made by **Kathleen Murphy** to approve the Meeting Schedule listed on the agenda for 2026 and the first meeting of 2027, and a second was made by **Hilary Wilder**. Meeting Schedule for 2026 and January 2027 was unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by **Kathleen Murphy** to approve the agenda and second was made by **Hilary Wilder**. Agenda was unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA:

Chairman Ticktin opens the meeting to the public for comments on the agenda at: 7:20pm.

1. Mike Pisauro, Esq. – Policy Director at The Watershed Institute – speaks about Roosevelt joining the Upper Millstone Watershed Group at a cost of approximately \$4,500. Mr. Pisauro talks about the municipalities that are included in the Upper Millstone Watershed Group and the regional approach. In 2023 New Jersey issued the new MS4 standards. First phase (what we know) is done now next phase is starting (what are we going to do). He asks the Environmental Commission to urge the Borough Council to pass a resolution to join the group.

If the borough does not join the group, then the borough will be responsible to hire their own consultants.

Motion was made by **Hilary Wilder** to recommend to the Borough Council to pass a resolution to join the Upper Millstone Regional Watershed Work Group, and a second was made by **Tim Hartley**. The motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Ticktin closes the meeting to the public for comments on the agenda at: 7:45pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 17, 2025 – **Kathleen Murphy** made a motion to approve the December 17, 2025, minutes with a second from **Lawrence Mendies**. Minutes were unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Environmental Commission End of Year Report 2025**
- 2. Resignation** letter received from Sam Ashburner
- 3. The Watershed Institute** – 98th. Annual NJ Watershed Conference – January 23, 2026, 12:00 – 1:30pm via zoom
- 4. ANJEC** – December 2025 Monthly Digest
- 5. ANJEC** – Winter 2026 Report
- 6. ANJEC** – Local Environment Matters
- 7. ANJEC** – Happy Holidays
- 8. ANJEC** – 2026 Municipal Renewal Membership
- 9. Sustainable Jersey** – Updates
- 10. NJ DEP** – 2026 Garden State Tree Conference
- 11. State of New Jersey** – Updates, Events, Deadlines, Programs, Guidance & More
- 12. NJ DEP** – National UCF Action Plan 2027-22037
- 13. ANJEC** – January Monthly Digest
- 14. NJ DEP** – NJUCF News & Updates 1/1/2026

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Tim Hartley reports on JCP&L coming back to the Planning Board – there are 37 pages of regulations and the borough cannot prevent them from moving forward. A lengthy discussion between commission members regarding JCP&L’s plans for the upgrades to the power lines on Mendies property. Mr. Mendies states he has spoken with JCP&L regarding pesticides on his property and was satisfied with their response, he cannot speak about the other farms in town only his own. Motion was made by Tim Hartley for the Borough Council require the Planning Board request and annual report from JCP&L regarding the amount & type of herbicides used after the trees have been removed and a second was made by **Michael Ticktin**, the motion passed with 4 Yes votes and 1 Opposed vote.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON: No Report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- Administrative – Michael Ticktin reports we elected a vice-chairperson and secretary.
- Forest Management – Hilary Wilder that the borough council was open to hiring Kevin Scibilia for a Community Forestry Management Plan, however in December the federal government cut funds for forestry services, therefore, no

longer funding for I Tree data. We will try to get some additional information from the State.

- Invasive Plant Species – Steve Taylor reports he re-posted the sign and fixed one of the loose boards on the trail.
- Lawrence Mendies asks Mike Pisauro, Esq. about the problem with chemicals being used by other farms to the watershed? Mr. Pisauro answers we are learning that we should have done things differently years ago, so there is a volume issue and you do not need a lot of forever chemicals to cause a problem. The more we use organic the better off we will be.
- Stream Monitoring – No Report.
- Sustainable Jersey – Hilary Wilder is working on points for Sustainable Jersey and encouraging our Mayor and OEM coordinator to work on some of the actions on wildlife management. We do have until 2027.

OLD BUSINESS:

Beech Tree Disease – Motion was made by Time Hartley to draft a letter to Assunpink WMA regarding the protection of 2 large beech trees along the Roosevelt Woodland Trail, with a second from Kathleen Murphy. The motion passed with 4 Yes votes and 1 Opposed vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Ticktin opens the public comment at: 8:38P.M.

No Public Comment

Chairman Ticktin closes the public comment at: 8:38P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: **Kathleen Murphy** motioned to adjourn, **Lawrence Mendies** offered a second. It was unanimously passed to adjourn at 8:38P.M.

Maria Dellasala, Secretary