

Town of Clinton
Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes for March 6, 2023, 7:30 PM

Attendees

John Kashwick, Council Liaison
Veronique Lambert
Kim Stentz, Shade Tree Liaison
Dean Solomos

John Kashwick, acting as Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:40 PM.

The Commission needed to reschedule the February meeting because of a lack of quorum. The Commission confirmed that it would continue meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month on Zoom or in person.

In his Council report, John noted that the Council would bring up the budget for a vote soon. The Environmental Commission will be receiving \$500. The Storm Water Management Ordinance was passed.

In her Shade Tree report, Kim reported that Arbor Day would take place on April 28. The Shade Tree Commission is working on fulfilling the grant it received.

The annual stream clean-up sponsored by Raritan Headwaters will take place on Saturday, April 15, 9 AM - 12 Noon. Veronique said that someone volunteered to lead the event is not a member of the Commission or Town government. She is finding out who it is.

John would like to continue with Mike's idea of holding a joint meeting of the Shade Tree Commission and Environmental Commission with the meeting tentatively scheduled for March 20. The idea would be to discuss re-forming the Green Team and discuss possible events and initiatives such as a Firefly/Dark Sky festival.

The Commission discussed several possible ordinances to consider. The Commission had previously discussed a trash and recycling lid ordinance but thought it would be good to hold off given the recent change to require payments to a solid waste utility. The Commission also discussed a lighting ordinance but would like to hold the firefly festival first to start promoting the idea. Also, it is considering helping the Shade Tree Commission with a tree preservation ordinance.

John mentioned the upcoming ANJEC (Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions) that is coming up online and in person.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

John Kashwick