

Town of Clinton Environmental Commission

Reorganization Meeting Agenda for January 16, 2023, 7:30 PM
Council Room, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, Clinton

- I. Call to Order (7:30 PM)
- II. OPMA Statement of Compliance – “In conformance with the Open Public Meeting's Act, notice of this meeting and the agenda were posted at the Clinton Municipal Building and the Town’s website at www.clintonnj.gov.”
- III. Roll Call and Member Introductions
- IV. Approval of Minutes (*see below*)
- V. Review of Town Code for Environmental Commission (*See Appendix A*)
- VI. Define Member Appointment Dates
- VII. Review of 2022
 - a. Town Cleanup Day
 - b. Town Environmental Inventory Walks
 - c. Ordinance for Garbage 7 Recycling Container Lids (Council failed to be introduced)
- VIII. Agenda
 - a. Approval of Meeting Dates (third Monday of each month):
 - i. February 20, 2023
 - ii. March 20, 2023
 - iii. April 17, 2023
 - iv. May 15, 2023
 - v. June 19, 2023
 - vi. July 17, 2023
 - vii. August 21, 2023
 - viii. September 18, 2023
 - ix. October 16, 2023
 - x. November 20, 2023
 - xi. December 18, 2023
 - xii. January 15, 2024 – Reorganization Meeting
 - b. Approval of Meeting Time: Proposed at 7:30 PM
 - c. Approval of Option of Online Attendance (*See Appendix B*)
 - d. Nominations for Secretary
 - e. Action Items for 2023
 - i. Light Pollution Ordinance
 - ii. Trash and Recycling Lid Ordinance
 - iii. Review of Planning Board’s Environmental checklist/requirements
 - iv. Town Cleanup Day
 - v. Treasure Weekend

- vi. Education
 - 1. Native plant species
 - 2. Trash & Recycling
 - 3. Energy Usage
 - 4. Chemical/Salt Usage
- vii. Green Team Formation & Application for Sustainable Jersey Grant
- viii. Semi-annual Meetings w/Shade Tree & Clinton Conservancy
- ix. Other ideas from members
- x. Selection of priority items and Member assignment.

Adjournment

Appendix A

§ 4-22. Environmental Commission.

[Added 3-27-1973]

A. Establishment. There is hereby created an Environmental Commission in the Town for the protection, development or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within the territorial limits of the Town, pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 40:56.^[1]

[1] Editor's Note: See N.J.S.A. 40:56A-1 for provisions on establishing an Environmental Commission.

B. Membership; terms.

(1) The Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the Mayor, one of whom shall also be a member of the Municipal Land Use Board, one of whom shall be a member of the Town Council and one of whom shall be a member of the Shade Tree Commission, and all of whom shall be residents of the Town.

[Amended 12-10-2013 by Ord. No. 13-20]

(2) Members shall serve without compensation, and the Mayor shall designate one of the members to serve as Chairman and presiding officer of the Commission.

(3) The terms of office of the first Commissioners shall be for one, two or three years, to be designated by the Mayor in making his appointments so that the terms of approximately 1/3 of the members shall expire each year, and their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years and until the appointment and qualification of their successors.

(4) The Mayor or Council of the Town may remove any member of the Commission for cause, on written charges served upon the member and after a hearing thereon at which the member shall be entitled to be heard in person or by counsel.

(5) A vacancy on the Commission occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.

C. Powers. The Environmental Commission shall have the power to conduct research into the use and possible use of the open land areas of the Town and may coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes, and may advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets which in its judgment it deems necessary for its purposes. It shall likewise have the power to study and make recommendations regarding open space preservation, water resources management, air pollution control, solid waste management, noise control, soil and landscape protection, environmental appearance and protection of flora and fauna. It shall likewise have the power to manage donated or purchased lands for conservation purposes and the operating of conservation programs and

shall act as the coordinating agency of the Town on conservation matters and a liaison between conservation needs and regional, county, state and federal agencies and private agencies ministering to those needs.

D. Index of open areas. The Environmental Commission shall keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including open marshlands, swamps and other wetlands, in order to obtain information on the proper use of such areas, and may from time to time recommend to the Land Use plans and programs for inclusion in the Master Plan for the development and use of such area.

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E. Acquisition of property. The Environmental Commission may, subject to the approval of the Town Council, acquire property, both real and personal, in the name of the Town, by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, devise or lease, for any of its purposes, and shall administer the same for such purposes, subject to the terms of the conveyance or gift. Such an acquisition may be to acquire the fee or any lesser interest, development right, easement, including conservation easement, covenant or other contractual right, including a conveyance on conditions or with limitations or reversions, as may be necessary to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, limit the future use of or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas in the Town.

F. Control of lands. The Environmental Commission shall, subject to approval of the Town Council, have exclusive control of lands acquired for the purposes stated, and may adopt suitable rules and regulations for the use thereof and the conduct of all persons while on or using the same.

G. Records and reports. The Environmental Commission shall keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make an annual report on or before December 1 of each year and submit the same to the Council. Such report shall be comprehensive and detailed covering operations, receipts, disbursements and expenditures for the full year.

H. Operational procedures.

(1) Adoption of bylaws. The Environmental Commission is authorized to adopt bylaws governing its procedural operation.

(2) Records. The Town Council shall annually fix, determine and appropriate a sum sufficient for the care, custody, policing and maintenance of such lands acquired for the uses and purposes herein stated and for the expenses of the Commission, which shall be raised by taxation in the same manner as other taxes.

(3) Employees. The Environmental Commission may appoint a clerk and other employees as it may from time to time require and as shall be within the limit of funds appropriated to it. The salaries of all such employees shall be fixed and determined by the Town Council.

Appendix B

Zoom Meeting Information

Join from your computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/96091513200?pwd=WGpEdDdOUTNmZWk2MkdyWEh3NGtnUT09>

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