

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

November 15, 2021

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission was held on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by remote access videoconferencing in response to COVID-19 and the updated Open Public Meetings Act guidelines.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided on January 8, 2021 of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mr. Mullen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Jean Golisano acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mohan Gawande, Josh Kohut, John Krasting, Jason Mildenberg, Paul Mullen, Michele Till and Theresa Vaccaro were present. Jim Gallagher and Becky Mathers Lowery were absent.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Evelyn Spann, Township Committee Liaison
Dr. Barbara Rogers, Deputy Mayor
Mr. Brendan Hanson, Parks Commission
Ms. Sophie Glovier, The Watershed

MINUTES

Mr. Mullen inquired if there were any edits or changes for the Minutes. On a motion by Mr Mildenberg, seconded by Dr. Kohut, the October Minutes were approved by all members present, with the exception of Dr. Krasting who abstained.

REPORTS

Liaison Report – Ms. Spann reported the Historic Hamlet Ordinance had its first reading at last Monday's Township Committee meeting and reported the Sign Ordinance will be introduced soon. She stated the dredging of the Lake is impacting the rain garden in Village Park, and the area has

been fenced. Dr. Rogers confirmed with the Engineer that any area that has been disturbed, including the rain garden, will be restored after the dredging project is complete.

Planning Board – Mr. Gallagher was not available to give report.

DRC Report – The DRC Meeting was cancelled due to lack of applications.

Zoning Committee – There was no Zoning Committee meeting since the last EC meeting. The Committee will meet tomorrow, November 16.

Parks Commission – Mr. Brendan Hanson gave report from the October Parks Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Preserve Management – Dr. Rogers reported she and her husband worked with 12 Princeton High School World Wildlife Fund Club students this past weekend to clear the trails in the Reinhardt Preserve. Students logged in three hours of cleanup clearing and marking the paths. She reported the large tree across the yellow trail was cleared by Public Works, and another five trees will also need to be removed. Mr. Mullen will follow up with DPW.

Mr. Mullen reported the large tree across the Eagle Scout Trail in the Cranbury Brook Preserves was also cleared by Public Works.

Sustainable Jersey – Dr. Rogers reported she will be presenting at a Historic Preservation Commission, which will satisfy a Sustainable Jersey Action Item.

NEW BUSINESS

Resiliency – A Resiliency Committee, consisting of the Police Chief, Public Works and the Township Engineer, will work with the Township Committee on how to respond to hazardous weather events in the Township as they occur. Dr. Krasting has volunteered to be the EC's liaison to the Township Committee. There are less than a dozen storm-ready municipalities in the State, with Princeton being one. The benefit of being storm ready would be to have coordinated efforts in place when an event happens. Resources are available at NOAA and Rutgers. Ms. Glovier offered another benefit of being storm-ready may be a possible insurance discount for the Township.

Recap on ANJEC Conference - Mr. Mullen and Ms. Vaccaro shared some highlights of the classes they attended. Ms. Vaccaro will forward the links for classes for EC members to view.

There was discussion on food composting. Mr. Gawande suggested food recycling could be included with the renovations planned at the Cranbury School. He volunteered to obtain composting information and practices used at a Vermont school to share at a future EC meeting

APPLICATIONS

Ms. Golisano reported a Fresh Water Hazard Notice of Application concerning the riparian zone was received for a property on South River Road. Also, several permit notifications were received

for properties along Brainerd Lake for repairs to the lake walls during the dredging project. There was no discussion on applications.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Golisano reported the next EC meeting will be on Monday, December 20th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, Mr. Mullen requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Ms. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Mildenberg with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission, and that this document, consisting of three (3) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on November 15, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 21st day of December, 2021.

Jean Golisano

Secretary
Environmental Commission