



North Brunswick Township Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2024

1. **Members:** Jonathan Flanders, Siobhan Gibbons, Carol Paszamant, Dan Patel, Antora Banerjee, Tony Brooks, Shailendra Patel

Member Attendees: Jonathan Flanders, Carol Paszamant, Dan Patel, Antora Banerjee, Shailendra Patel

Guests:

2. **Public Meeting Statement:** This regular meeting is held under the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law; adequate notice has been provided by posting in the North Brunswick Township public calendar and transmittal to the newspaper

3. **Review and Acceptance of Minutes** of prior meeting on June 25, 2024

4. **Plans to Review – 1392 How Lane**
Recommendations:

- Permeable driveway
- Replace trees that are being taken down
- Orient roof to face South and install solar panels on (2) new houses.

5. **Follow up items from prior meetings:**

- EC team is waiting to hear back from township police representative regarding enforcement of NJ laws against idling (Lt. Erik Jacobsen – Traffic Safety Division). Jonathan has left two phone messages for Lt. Jacobsen.

Jonathan went to event at Veteran's Park on July 9th – Meet a Policeman. Event was open to public and ice cream given out. Spoke to 2 policeman and both were familiar with the NJ law against idling. One officer said I could request record of number of tickets issued for this offense.

- EC team requests to meet with Township engineer for further information on township sewer inspections. Trying for September or after to have Mike Hritz and Jim Watson (CME) attend meeting.
- EC team requests to have a copy of township sewer plan map once available. CME still working on this. Will take months to complete per Mike Hritz email on 6/24
- Budget for EC renews 6/30/24 for \$500.
- Discussed township switching to KW Rastall Renewal Diesel fuel. Was discussed that it is bad to use virgin palm-based oil. It is best to use used oil. Jonathan to inquire as to what type of oil is used. Neste is company that is provided diesel to KW Rastall. See fact sheet for information. Website claims that they stopped using palm oil at end of 2023.
- Siobhan to ask Janice Larkin who at township is responsible for looking for new grants.
- Mike Hritz 6/24/24 email to Jonathan regarding Facebook: "We can create the page and

manage for you, just like the website and post anything you would like. I will speak to our FB manager.”

6. New Items

- Review North Brunswick EC website layout and discuss use of Facebook. Possible updates to website (need to coordinate with Craig Yetzko)
 - a. About
 - b. Meeting Dates & Locations
 - c. Events – link to Facebook
 - d. News
 - e. Resources – eg. Locations of charging stations, Best Practices, etc.
 - f. Videos
 - g. Volunteer opportunities
- Heritage Day – October 5th, 3 to 10 PM. Check in 12 noon. Setup by 2 PM for inspection. Note: Dan will be away on Heritage Day.

7. Future Business:

1. More clean-up events
2. Arboretum at Pulda Farm – ANJEC grants?
3. Update EC township website
4. Enforcement of NJ idling regulations
5. Community outreach and education – possibly NJ police academy- Antora will bring this to the organizer for discussion.
6. Evaluate how well recycling working in North Brunswick
7. Township mailer
 - Detail recycling, anti-litter, library seeds program
 - Perhaps do this through North Brunswick Facebook
8. Environmental Club – High School. Reach out to them in August or September 2024.
9. ANJEC suggestions for no litter signs.
10. Sustainable NJ – have grants available.

8. Public Portion

9. Adjournment – Upcoming meetings:

August 27
September 24
October 22
November 26
December 17