



Chatham Township Environmental Commission
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday April 5, 2022
7:15 PM via Zoom

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OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT: The meeting schedule for 2022 and January 2023 is posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building, in two newspapers and on the Chatham Township Environmental Commission website at <https://www.chathamtownship-nj.gov/environmental>. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings, join the discussions and participate in projects.

CTEC'S PURPOSE: To undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources and air quality, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

The Chatham Township Environmental Commission's goal is to provide a responsible environmental viewpoint to Township committees and boards and to undertake projects with a strong educational component in order to inform officials and residents about constructive actions that can be taken to preserve the environment.

APPROVED DATES FOR CTEC AND GREEN TEAM FOR 2022 AND JANUARY 2023

The first Tuesdays except second Tuesday in January 2022 to meet after the Township Committee reorganization meeting:

January 11, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July NO MEETING, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6, 2022 and January 10, 2023.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Roll Call, Public Meeting Statement (see above)
2. Approve CTEC and Green Team Minutes of March 1, 2022
3. Rolling Knolls and CAG meeting update – Dot Stillinger, Matt Palmer
4. Report on establishing a separate Green Team / Discussion – Jessica Romeo, Lisa McHugh
5. Earth Day / Month 2022
 - a. EV Expo, April 22nd at Sunday Motor Company in Madison – Jessica Romeo
 - b. Tree Seedling Giveaway, April 23 – Cara Pacifico Feaser
 - c. Tri-town Garage Sale w/ Chatham Borough and Madison, April 30th, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Jessica Romeo
 - d. Chatham Township Green Village Pond Conservation Area workday and community clean up, May 1, 2022 – Matt Palmer, Jessica Romeo
 - e. Composter sale & compost talk (compost talk set for 3/28/22) - Jessica Romeo
 - f. GSWA Native Plant Sale and Monarch Waystation installation at the Library project – Jessica Romeo

6. Reports:

- a. Township Committee – Celeste Fondaco
- b. Planning Board – Dan Miller
- c. Open Space – Jim Connelly
- d. Education and Outreach – Jessica Romeo
- e. Invasive Species – Matt Palmer
- f. Social Media – Jessica Romeo, Cara Pacifico Feeser
- g. Website – Lisa McHugh

7. Styrofoam collection in Chatham Township – Lisa McHugh

8. Tree Bank / Trust – Lisa McHugh

9. Items to discuss if time: Mosquito Spraying Education; Climate Action Resolution; Streamlining Solar (Amy Mason)

10. Adjourn

APPLICATION/ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT REVIEW

- Coming up: PBA-22-002 FRANK FRANCESE, 580 RIVER ROAD, BLOCK: 62 LOT: 56. Requesting minor subdivision. (Received 1/20/22) Escrow: 34641. We should keep an eye on this for steep slopes, disruption to wildlife corridor, etc. See what is being proposed.
- Ongoing.
- When the two affordable housing lots on River Road begin to be developed CTEC will send another memo to the boards involved urging conservation easements on the upper slopes and on a wildlife corridor extending down to the road.
- Suggest that there is an opportunity now to establish a conservation zone along all the slopes on River Road.
- Frank Banisch, Township Planner, endorses the idea of a preserved Greenway along the slopes.
- Discussion. The role of the EC. The NJDEP and the Township Engineer have assumed many of the environmental oversight activities that used to be mainly the responsibility of the EC and non-profit environmental groups.

ONLINE RESOURCES

- Good NJDEP website for maps, parcels and environmental information at NJ-GeoWeb, <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/gis/geoweb splash.htm>
- . Use Internet Explorer.
- Very good Morris County mapping utility at <https://morrisgisapps.co.morris.nj.us/apps/parcelsearcher/> , hit Map and use the i tool. Gives information about each parcel and has aerials layer. Search for more detailed information about a parcel at <https://mcweb1.co.morris.nj.us/MCTaxBoard/>.
- View open space and Green Acres properties at <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres/ga50/docs/roslite.pdf> and <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres/openspace.html>.