



Chatham Township Environmental Commission
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday October 12, 2022
7:15 PM via Zoom

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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 and the third Tuesday in May:

January 11, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 17, June 7, July NO MEETING, August MEETING CANCELLED, September 6, October 12, November 1, December 6, 2022 and January 10, 2023.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Roll Call of CTEC Members: Celeste Fondaco (Township Committee liaison), Cara Pacifico Feeser, Amy Mason, Jim Connelly, Matt Palmer, Jessica Romeo, Lisa McHugh, Dan Miller (Planning Board), Sally O'Neil (alternate 1); Public Meeting Statement (see above)
2. Approve CTEC and Green Team Minutes of September 6, 2022
3. Green Team updates – Jessica Romeo, Lisa McHugh
4. EV Charging Station Update – Jessica
5. Township fields, recreational areas (including Colony Pool) and Township Committee Resolution 2022-201 to revisit products used / any updates here?
6. Recycling updates – Styrofoam recycling is up and running
7. Update on pocket park at Shunpike over flow parking that would include native plants gardens - Celeste

8. NJSMA (Jessica) –In person meeting: September. October 6 at 7:30pm at the Madison Community Center in Madison was well attended and a great learning experience w/ a speaker from Siemens and Ciel
9. EVENTS:
 - Fall clean up day and planting at Shunpike (we have not received a budget so at a standstill)
 - Fall tri-town yard sale (10/16/22)
10. 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
 - h. Pollinator Gardens – Jessica Romeo

APPLICATION/ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT REVIEW

- 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>.