

**Readington Township Environmental Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2025**

**OPEN MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Becker at 8:03 p.m. stating that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting had been duly advertised.

**A) Roll Call**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>X = Present</b>		<b>--- = Absent</b>				<b>- = Meeting Canceled</b>				
<b>Member</b>	<b>2/4</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>4/1</b>	<b>5/6</b>	<b>6/1</b>	<b>7/1</b>	<b>8/5</b>	<b>9/3</b>	<b>10/7</b>	<b>11/4</b>	<b>12/2</b>
Becker	X	X									
Charney	X	X									
Foster	X	X									
Giroud	X	X									
Heller	X	---									
Hendrickson	---	X									
Masinda	---	X									
Panico	X	X									
Rao	X	X									

**B) Approval of Minutes:**

The 2/4/2024 minutes were approved. Renee Rao made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Steve Foster, and carried by all. Susan Masinda and Neil Hendrickson abstained, as they were not present for the February meeting.

**C) LOI/Freshwater Wetlands:**

No concerns.

**D) AOC (Areas of Concern):**

**1. Contaminated Sites Update:**

- a. Mr. Heller and The Chairman met to review the survey to a selected sample of homes and DEP notification. Hopefully by next meeting, the survey will be out and we will have some response from the residents.

**E) Correspondence:**

**F) Old Business:**

**F.1 MLUL Hazard Impact Score and Review:** The Chairman reviewed the objective and current status. A meeting with fire, OEM, police and others to review the infrastructure list and assess vulnerability to climate change took place and the insight gained was discussed. The status of the infrastructure data will be compiled and shared at the next meeting.

**F.2 Sustainable Action Team:** The first round to submit actions narratives is February 23. Twenty-seven actions were submitted and there are about another fifteen in the queue. The last submission is due in July.

**F.3 Member Assignments:** Jeff reported that the future planting site was visited. There was a successful burn that was executed on this property. Logistics were discussed about future planting and organizing volunteer efforts. Educating volunteers regarding the importance of proper tree planting was discussed. The Readington Tree Ordinance was discussed and the need for residents to be made aware that it exists. The stream clean up effort and the need for support was discussed. Adopt a road was also brought up and the need for some street clean up. Deliberate communication on the website was suggested for events to notify and engage the public and the preferred methods were e-mail blast, Webpage posts, and the Township Facebook page. Jason reported Deer Management numbers; 479 deer were harvested, a 55% increase over last year. More details to be presented next month.

**F.4 Recycle Containers at Parks:** DPW is reviewing this matter with Republic Services.

**F.5 Green Design Check List:** Princeton EC gave us a copy of their checklist and it was forwarded to the Planning Board for discussion at a future meeting.

**G) New Business:**

1. Raritan Headwaters made a presentation on well water testing and the content was discussed.
2. Chairman Becker reported on the saltwater levels at specific sites.
3. Well Testing was discussed.
4. The Airport 2002 Environmental Assessment was discussed as an example of the content and extensiveness of the review.

**H) Site Plan Review and Comment:**

None.

**I) Public/Members Comment:**

None.

**J) Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Susan Masinda and, seconded by Jeff Charney at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gheri Russo*  
Advisory Board Secretary