

# **TUCKERTON BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Thursday, July 10, 2025 @7pm in Borough Hall

## **Call Meeting to Order**

Mayor Marshall called the Tuckerton Environmental Commission meeting to order on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 7:02 pm in Borough Hall.

## **Open Public Meeting Act Statement**

“Provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act have been complied with as notice was published in the Tuckerton Beacon and the Asbury Park Press stating the time, date and place of this meeting.”

## **Roll Call**

Beth Obiedzinski-Garvin	P	Cynthia Coritz	Abs
Anthony Scaglione	P	VACANT	-
VACANT	-	VACANT	-
Debra McMunn	P	John B. McCormack	P
Paul Solimani	P	Savannah Beaulieu (Secretary)	P
Mayor Susan Marshall	P	Mike Dupuis, Sr.(Council Liaison)	P

## **Flag Salute**

Mayor Marshall led the salute of the flag.

## **Reorganization**

Mr. Solimani nominated, seconded by Mr. Scaglione that Beth Obiedzinski-Garvin be the chairperson for the Environmental Commission for the remained of year 2025. It was so moved.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the May 2025 meeting will be voted on at the August Meeting

## **Recording of Hours**

The Tuckerton Environmental Commission recognizes their member's donation of time and knowledge for studies and research along with attendance of the monthly meetings and available workshops / seminars for the months of June 2025- July 2025

Beth Obiedzinski-Garvin (Chairperson)	14	Cynthia Coritz	--
Anthony Scaglione	10	John B. McCormack	2
Debra McMunn	32	Paul Solimani	2

## **Old Business**

***Adopt-A-Highway:*** Ms. Obiedzinski-Garvin states a date will be chosen at the August meeting.

***Sustainable Jersey:*** No updates.

***Grants:*** No updates.

***Water ways:*** Mr. Scaglione states that he is currently working with Mr. Martin on two spots: one to restore the peninsula to assess how they will proceed and the effects on the local environment, and the second involves discussing thin layer deposition for Kingfisher Lagoon.

## **New Business**

### ***Committee Reports***

Mr. Solimani discussed that the Borough approved the Environmental Commission rider account where the committee can now receive donations. The township allocated \$500. He would like to set up a table at the Decoy Show in September for donations.

### ***Correspondence***

Ms. Beaulieu reported that the committee received a letter of interpretation for 6 and 10 Parker Road regarding proposed single family condos, with a 15-day appeal deadline of Monday, January 21, 2025. Construction is occurring at the former Ace's Place work garage site, which contains extensive wetlands and an artesian well in what was previously part of the old gang plank boat storage area.

The Environmental Commission conducts the initial review before submitting findings to land use, which has sole authority to take action since it lacks its own environmental specialist. Committee members expressed concerns about relying on developer-funded environmental studies and suggested conducting a site visit while emphasizing the need to assess traffic impacts on the community.

Developers must fund their own environmental studies, though one council member recommended hiring an independent town environmentalist due to concerns about developer-paid assessments. The DEP conducts surveys and can investigate potential issues, with historical development attempts facing obstacles including discovered Indian artifacts and illegal tree removal on protected property that resulted in legal battles.

There is a two-week window for appeals regarding the current development, with the DEP evaluating plan viability since the project requires a CAFRA permit.

### ***Members Forum***

There are three vacancies on the board. If anyone is interested in joining, they can submit an application to Mayor Marshall.

### ***Approval of Secretary Services***

Mr. Solimani motioned, seconded by Mr. Scaglione to approve the secretary's services for the month of June. It was so moved by unanimous consent of the Commission.

### ***Public Forum***

Ms. Obiedzinski-Garvin motioned, seconded by Mr. Solimani to open public forum.

Mr. Calvin Morey excitedly shared that he was traveling down South Green Street where he noticed a turtle traveling down the middle of the road, whereas they usually travel from side to side.

Mrs. Obiedzinski-Garvin motioned, seconded by Mr. Solimani to close public forum

### ***Adjournment***

Seeing there were no more comments from the Commission, Mr. Solimani motioned, seconded by Mr. Scaglione to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by unanimous consent of the Commission. The Environmental Commission meeting ended at 7:58pm.

Sincerely,

Savannah Beaulieu

Tuckerton Environmental Commission Secretary