

# **TUCKERTON BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Thursday, August 14, 2025 @7pm in Borough Hall

## **Call Meeting to Order**

Chairperson Beth Obiedzinski-Garvin 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.”

## **Swearing in**

The Mayor swore in Vincent Lauricella to the Tuckerton Environmental Commission

## **Flag Salute**

Chairperson Beth Obiedzinski-Garvin led the salute of the flag.

## **Roll Call**

Beth Obiedzinski-Garvin	P	Cynthia Coritz	Abs
Anthony Scaglione	P	John B. McCormack	P
Paul Solimani	P	Vincent Lauricella	P
Debra McMunn	P		

Also, In Attendance:

	Mayor Susan Marshall
Present	X
Absent	

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the May 2025 meeting were circulated, Mr. Solimani motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. McMunn. It was so moved by the majority consent of the committee. Mr. Scaglione abstained from voting.

Minutes for the July 2025 meeting were circulated, Mr. Solimani motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. McMunn. It was so moved by unanimous consent of the Commission.

### **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 July 2025

Beth Obiedzinski-Garvin	7	Cynthia Coritz	Abs
Anthony Scaglione	4	John B. McCormack	3
Paul Solimani	4	Vincent Lauricella	N/A
Debra McMunn	9		

### **Old Business**

***Adopt-A-Highway:*** Ms. Obiedzinski-Garvin state announced that the next Adopt- a- Highway cleanup is scheduled for September 20, 2025, at 10 AM, with a rain date set for September 21, 2025, at 10 AM. She plans on reaching out to Ms. Ullman for more information.

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

***Grants:*** No updates.

***Water ways:*** Mr. Scaglione reports that he continues to collaborate with Mr. Martin and is currently awaiting the engineering plans.

### **New Business**

#### ***Committee Reports***

Mr. McCormack reported that creek erosion along Carol Avenue has worsened, resulting in approximately 10 yards of land loss due to speeding boats. He observed that the erosion has progressed about 10 yards inland and the conditions are significantly deteriorating. He suggested implementing a berm with seagrass plantings to redirect water flow, similar to successful measures used on Long Beach Island.

Mr. Solimoni reported that safety signs have been installed by the Paradise Cove and Uplanders association with authorization from Forsyth's new director. Additionally, an oyster trap was discovered and returned to the water.

#### ***Members Forum***

Mr. Solimani noted that prior efforts to address speeding issues have included posting warning signs, though enforcement continues to be insufficient. State police only patrol Thompson Street during periods of extremely high water levels. Attempts to secure regular patrol coverage from the state marine police unit for local waters have been unsuccessful. One potential remedy

involves creating a "boat people on patrol" initiative, similar to existing community watch programs.

Mr. Solimani regularly provides assistance to local residents facing boat-related challenges, such as motor repairs and Jet Ski dock installations. He emphasized that Paradise Cove and the Tuckerton Beach Association both maintain a shared dedication to supporting neighbors with marine and property issues. While "no wake" signage is posted throughout the area, excessive speed in the waterway continues to be a concern. Vessel operators use VHF radio channel 73 to announce their movements and avoid accidents in the confined passage. According to Mr. Solimani, personal watercraft and kayak users present the most significant safety hazards in the creek. He suggested that operators of Jet Skis and kayaks should obtain portable VHF radios and remain close to the waterway's perimeter. Possible remedies include deploying speed monitoring equipment or installing signs that warn of monetary penalties for infractions.

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

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

### ***Public Forum***

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

Seeing no public comment. 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. McCormack to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by unanimous consent of the Commission. The Environmental Commission meeting ended at 7:34pm.

Sincerely,  
Savannah Beaulieu  
Tuckerton Environmental Commission Secretary