

IHEC 2023 Summary

January:

Approved working with Eleanora Church on her Gold Award. She will be partnering with us to create information about pesticide use and the detrimental effects it has on wildlife creating a program to educate the public and hosting workshops to create bat boxes.

February:

Helpsy approved for Island Heights residents. Sustainable Jersey Silver Certification extension until 2024.

March:

Speaker Series on Migratory Birds, Wildlife, and Light Pollution. Presentation given by James Webster a member of ASTRA, member of the International Dark Sky Association, and Ambassador for SciStarter.

April:

Hosted our annual Earth Day Event with plant giveaway, plant swap, town cleanup, composting workshop, bat-house workshop, Second Chance toy collection, and helpsy textile collection.

May:

Shared information on IH Bulk Pick-up, planting a patriotic pollinator garden, paper shredding event, and expired marine flares collection.

June:

Hosted Save Barnegat Bay and Clean Ocean Action presentation on the status of the Rally for Barnegat Bay study. Organized and hosted a Sustainable Jersey Ocean County Hub meeting- had not had a meeting since before covid.

July:

Invited residents to take part in a community scientist programs to study lightening bugs in IH and take part in the Monarch Blitz. Shared information about 4th of July, Helpsy, and moth species.

August:

Shared information on a Boat Flare disposal event and the SBB meeting regarding the DEP agreement with BASF for their polluted Toms River site.

September:

Hosted a Sailfest table with information on various topics, resources; including a bat-house example, and giveaways from OC Solid Waste Management. Organized another Helpsy textile drop off to coordinate with the town-wide yard sale.

October:

Shared information on saving Monarch Butterflies, the Peto Museum Plant Swap, the IHBOE candidate Q & A, and the after Halloween compost collection.

November:

Hosted TWO successful weekend fall compost collections after Halloween and Thanksgiving.

December:

Created natural wildlife ornaments and decorated the tree in the Children's Garden. Shared information about IH holiday events, collected gently used toys for Second Chance Toys.

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the January 2023 Regular Meeting of the Environmental Committee

Attendees: Tanara Hall, Tara Church, Sophia Church, Denise Summer

Absent: Margie Laratta, Sandra Blain-Snow, Lucy Sheer, Stephanie Fumo

Visitors: Eleanora Church

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMPLETE BY
Earth Day Plants	Seedlings to order for our Earth Day Event	Tanara to request winter berries and pawpaws	Tara to pick-up plants when ready	
USDA Animal Welfare Act	The act currently is available to the public to comment.	Forward to Committee members		ASAP
Signs	Discussion held on getting signs to fulfill our grant requirements. Explain how to use the new park equipment, and honor our grant.	Look into a memorial stone for the equipment signage Ask council for funding	Tara	ASAP
Sustainability Hub	Discussion about running the Sustainability Hub again. Wind turbine topic might be something to bring up	Look for a venue for February	Tanara and Tara	ASAP
Wildlife Ornaments Luncheon	Big thank you to Denise for hosting our committee. Successful ornament making and we put them on the tree by the children's garden			

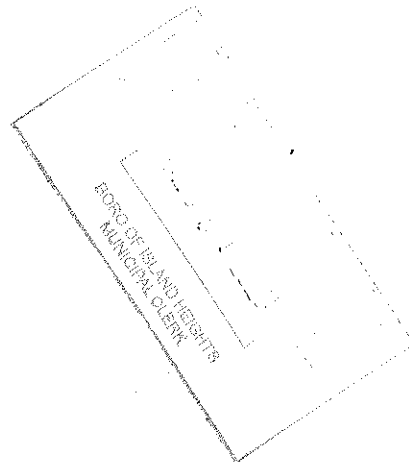
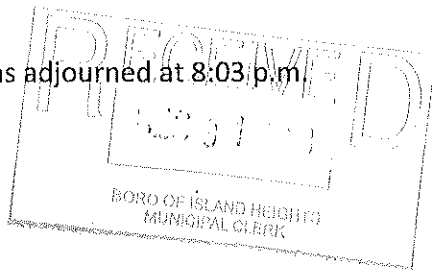


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Composting drive	Successful collection of compost. Used Save Barnegat Bay composter for it		
Speaker series for 2023	Bird Migrations as a topic for our speaker series	Look into speakers for it	Margie
Gold Award Eleonora Church	Running a program to educate the public about and to create bat boxes. Try to partner with us by creating an education program about pesticide use and their effect on wildlife		

Motion	First	Second	Vote	Pass Y/N
Approve Minutes	Tara	Denise	All in Favor	Y
To support Eleanora on Gold Award	Tanara	Denise	All in Favor	Y

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.





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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Committee

Attendees: Sophia Church, Tara Church, Margie Laratta, Denise Summer, Lucy Sheer

Absent: Stephanie Fumo, Tanara Hall, Sandra Blain-Snow

Visitors:

Meeting was called to order at 6:03

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMPLETE BY
Resolution 2023-39	Island Heights signed the resolution calling for a moratorium on offshore wind turbines until the recent whale deaths are explored			
Community Solar	Canceled Meeting, no plans to reschedule			
Committee members	Waiting to hear back on the updated list of members			
SJ certification	Deadline to apply for Sustainable Jersey certification is May 12, 2023	Applying for point certification	Tara Church and Tanara Hall to work on the application	
SJ Grant	Need a sign to submit the final report	Getting 2 large engraved stones	Tara Church	
Pesticide Education	Eleonora Church's Girl Scout Gold Award has been approved, we will be helping her			

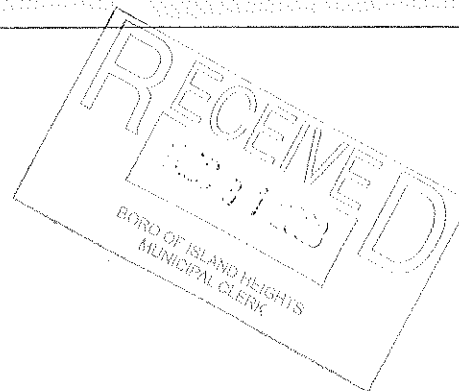


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Earth Day	create a pesticide education program Hosting our annual earth day event with plant giveaway, plant swap, town cleanup, Toy collection, and helpsy drop	Ask Mary Judge if we can get seeds to give away Look into getting trees to give away	Lucy Sheer Tara Church
Sustainable Hub Speaker Series	Presentation Looking into a speaker for April about organic fertilizer and farming		

Motion	First	Second	Vote	Pass Y/N
Approve Minutes	Tara Church	Margie Laratta	All in favor	Y

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.





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June Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Committee

Attendees: Sophia Church, Tara Church, Lucy Sheer, Denise Summer, Margie Laratta, Danielle McConnell

Absent:

Visitors:

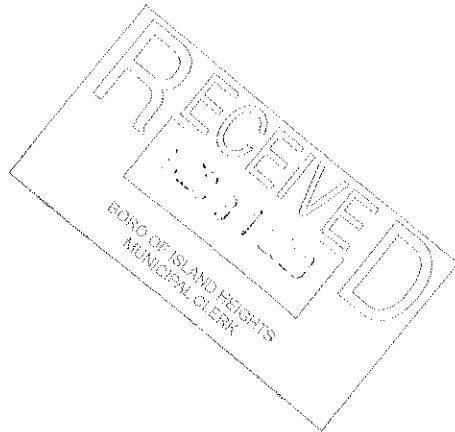
Meeting was called to order at 6:30

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMPLETE BY
SJ Application	The Sustainable Jersey application is open, it closes late July.			
Sustainable Jersey Hub	Meeting we hosted on 6/14/23 went well. There is likely to be more meetings in the future.			
Borough Hall: Art in the Community Program	Suggest art to be displayed in Borough Hall. Could be a great way to help increase exposure for local artists	Committee members to reach out to art contacts and Mayor and council		

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Motion	First	Second	Vote	Pass Y/N
Approve Minutes	Denise Summer	Sophia Church	All in Favor	Y

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.





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Attendees: Tara Church, Sophia Church, Stephanie Fumo

Absent:

Visitors: Denise Summer,

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMPLETE BY
Sailfest	Tabling for sailfest, we will be attending on September 9th, more information to follow			
Native Plant Purchase Order		To pick up native plants for Earth Day Event	Tanara and Sandra	
Earth Day Event	Discussion held about our Earth Day Event Helpsy collection, Composting Workshop, Second Chance Toy Drive, Town Cleanup			
Financial Reports	NJ League of Municipalities approved ticket for conference			
Bat House Workshop	Eleanora Church, as part of her Gold Award, explained her workshop for Saturday's Earth Day Event on bat houses			

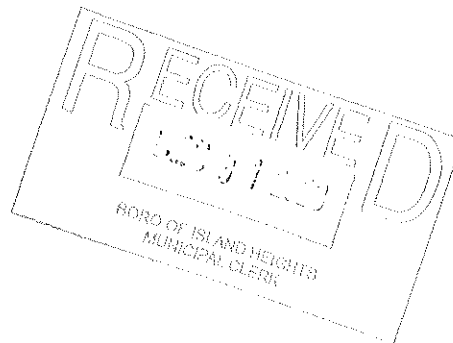


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Refreshments for Earth Day Event		Coffee, water, and individually wrapped snacks will be brought for the Earth Day Event	Tara Church and Stephanie Fumo
Light Pollution Speaker Series	Successful talk held last month	Advise mayor and council about lighting of flags near borough hall	Tara Church

Motion	First	Second	Vote	Pass Y/N
Approve Minutes	Tara Church	Sophia Church	All in Favor	Y
Motion to approve Eleanora's bat house workshop	Tara Church	Sophia Church	All in Favor	Y

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.





Meeting Notes

September 2023 Meeting Notes of the Environmental Committee

Attendees: Lucy Sheer, Tara Church, Sophia Church, Danielle Napier

Absent:

Visitors:

Meeting started at 7:10

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMPLETE BY
NJUCF Training		Follow up with council on completing the training		
ANJEC	Dues allocated to renew our membership			
Saifest	Successful Event, thank you to everyone who volunteered			
SJ Certification/ grant	Leaders Zoom meeting October 10th, about other communities' actions and a guest speaker	Need to finish Sustainable Jersey certification Order engraved rock to complete the grant		
Helpsy	There will be a helpsy textile recycling bin on yard sale day in town			
Art at Borough Hall	Have a rotating gallery of local artists showcased at Borough Hall	Look into getting that approved by council, and into local artists who would like to participate	Lucy Sheer and Denise Summers	

Motion	First	Second	Vote	Pass Y/N
Approve Minutes	Tara Church	Sophia Church	All in Favor	Y



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Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

