

**Readington Township Environmental Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 1, 2025**

**OPEN MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Becker at 7:00 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**

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

**B) Approval of Minutes:**

The 3/4/2024 minutes were approved. Susan Masinda made a motion to approve the minutes with one change, seconded by Steve Foster, and carried by all. Jonathan Heller abstained.

**C) LOI/Freshwater Wetlands:**

No concerns.

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

**1. Contaminated Sites Update:**

- a. The POET Survey was sent out mid-March. There have been 5 responses from the 20 sample surveys submitted.
- b. A contaminated site that was identified on Route 22 is under review by the DEP and Township Engineer. Issue complicated in that new owner began work without the knowledge site was contaminated.

**E) Correspondence:**

**F) Old Business:**

**F.1 MLUL Hazard Impact Score and Review:** The Chairman indicated that a final draft report will be reviewed at the May meeting.

**F.2 Sustainable Action Team:** The first round to submit actions narratives was February 23. We are still waiting on feedback/approvals.

**F.3 Member Assignments:** The tree sapling giveaway will be held on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> by the DPW. Traffic issues and logistics were discussed. Providing tree planting instructions was discussed. The RHA webinar on the health of the watershed was mentioned. The Readington watershed score continues to be low due to agricultural runoff. Management contracts for meadow mowing have been released and concern was expressed regarding a long-range plan for meadow stewardship. A pilot tree planting session will take place on April 18 at Holland Brook Headwaters with RVCC students. Once methodology is established, public planting dates will be announced. The Tree Ordinance is scheduled to be in the next Readington Newsletter. Multiple communication avenues to get the word out were discussed. Potential Earth Day events were suggested. Public awareness of drought conditions and education is a priority. A mapping of Kestrel boxes is in the works and a second wave of boxes are set to be installed. Multiple volunteers are building boxes and there has been a great response to this initiative.

**F.4 Recycle Containers at Parks:** No update.

**F.5 Green Design Check List:** No update.

**G) New Business:**

1. Energy Plan Grant update and presentation. Robert Spielberger and Jodi Betterman describe the levels of action that can be taken. EV's in the fleet, resident energy audits, various solar opportunities were discussed. Mr. Heller suggested attention be given to energy efficient application to be used in future capital projects.
2. Jason Giroud provide the year-end Deer Management report. Additional potential hunting properties were proposed and supported. This was a great year with record harvest and continued safe performance by the hunters.

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

None.

**I) Public/Members Comment:**

Robert Colburn spoke about the company he works for and the environmental projects they are implementing with grade school children.

**J) Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rene Rao and, seconded by Susan Masinda at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sherri Russo*  
Advisory Board Secretary