



Environmental Commission Agenda

October 23, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Open Public Meeting Statement

Adequate notice of this meeting has been published specifying the time and access information in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting has also been electronically sent to the newspapers and uploaded to Byram’s website no less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting. In addition, a copy of this notice is on file in the office of the Environmental Commission Secretary.

Public Participation and Open Forum

Review of September 2025 Meeting Minutes

Committee Reports

- **MRMC** – Last meeting October 21; next meeting Dec. 16
- **Open Space** – Last meeting October 13th; next meeting Nov. 10
- **Council** – Last meeting October 21; next meeting November 17
- **Byram Trail Keepers**

New Business

- Recreation Department Update (Debbie Armeno)
- 2026 proposed EC dates
- Digital Trail Map – next steps (lawn signs with QR code “Get outside in Byram!”, etc.)
- Invasives ID walk at Forest Lakes – debrief
- Sussex County Trails Partnership Meeting – debrief
 - 2026 Sussex County Trails Grant
- Future collaborations with the BTHS:
 - Nature iPhone photography class – winter or spring
 - Cranberry Lake Walk – spring
- Preparing for prescribed burn in Tamarack Park (Communication Plan)
- 2025 Goals check-in and 2026 Goals conversation: **what are your wildest EC dreams?**
 - Presentation at upcoming TC meeting on 2025 goals and 2026 aspirations?
- Planning for upcoming fall events:
 - 10/27 – meeting with DEP representatives regarding Hudson Farm conservation easement trails
 - 11/9 – Trail Building/Reroute Day at Cranberry Overlook (layout, rake and move blazes?)
 - 11/22 – Simple Bare Necessities talk & demo, 2:00 pm at Loise Childs Library
 - TBD – River Cleanup with West Brookwood Assoc.? (around Thanksgiving preferred)
- Use of remaining EC budget (hardware cloth for knotweed? Fencing? Lawn Signs with QR code?)

Planning Board Applications – None this month.

Old Business

● Riparian Buffer Ordinance	● “Dirty Dirt” on Hemlock Drive
● Collaboration with Stanhope EC and MWA on water quality project(s): Drain Way project	● EC member spotlights on social media
● Mansfield Trail Superfund Site	● EC newsletter for expanded outreach
● Lake Management Plan	

Training – NJUCF CEUs count 5 (Dana 1.5; Peter 5; Peter 1.5)

Membership – Alternate II position is vacant.

Budget – Approximately \$300 remaining.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for Tuesday, November 18.

Motion to Adjourn