

**Franklin Township Environmental Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 4, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 PM, and the Sunshine Law notice read. The roll was called. present were: W. Andrews, T. Biercz, A. Schmidt, D. Triggs, A. Vernick, P. Walitsky, and Council liaison T. Chase. Absent: J. Clyde, C. MacIvor, and D. Pydeski.

Chair's report: he received one copy of a letter requesting a Letter Of Interpretation, three Hazardous Substance Release notices, and a 'classification exemption request' from the W. A. Cleary Corp. regarding a substantial clean-up on their property, with a CD of exhibits (tables of pollutants, etc.); also a letter concerning a 'treatment works' for Franklin Nursing LLC (block 502.01, lots 58.01 and 59.01).

The minutes of the Feb. 4 meeting were approved with one correction. The seminar on coyotes will be on May 6 (regular meeting date), advertised on the township web site and in the township newsletter, and Cathy Blumig has provided a flyer with a picture of a coyote, taken on her property on Bennetts Lane.

Three plans were reviewed.

Sustainable Jersey: T. Chase reported on our recertification at the Bronze level and prospects for applying for Silver level certification, including his difficulty in participating in the Sustainable Jersey webinar on applying for recertification. W. Andrews suggested using the library, which can make a private room available for a session including audio.

J. Clyde reported by speaker phone on plans for the stream clean-up on April 20. The clean-up is planned for the Blackwells Mills area of the Delaware & Raritan Canal, cleaning up along the towpath in both directions, at the parking area and perhaps along Canal Rd (police protection needed for work along the road) and perhaps on the trails running east along both sides of Six Mile Run. The staging area will be the parking lot of the former Canal Park headquarters, on Canal Rd. just south of Blackwells Mills Rd. He will scout the area for accumulation of debris.

Besides the coyote seminar on May 6, the commission and NJ Water Supply Authority will sponsor a rain barrel workshop on May 11, focusing on the Cedar Grove Brook watershed, but open to all township residents (to be announced in the newsletter).

John Walker not being present, there was no report on the community gardens.

A. Schmidt reported that the Shade Tree Commission is currently reviewing the existing shade tree protection ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.