

**Franklin Township Environmental Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 3, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM and the Sunshine Law notice read. The roll was called. Present were: W. Andrews, T. Biercz, C. MacIvor, D. Pydeski, D. Triggs, A. Vernick, P. Walitsky; and Council liaison T. Chase. Absent: J. Clyde and A. Schmidt.

Chair's report: he sent to Ann Marie McCarthy, Township Clerk, requests for reappointment of members whose terms were expiring. A PSE&G request for a statewide general permit for tree clearing was received.

T. Chase reported on the Green Team meeting Nov. 28 and on the Middlesex County Water Resources Association meeting Dec. 3, which had a report, from Kate Boicourt of the NY/NJ Harbor Estuary Program, on studies of effects of sea level rise on three public access points in the Raritan Estuary. Discussion of environmental effects of Hurricane Sandy followed.

The minutes of the Nov. 21 meeting were approved. There were no plans for review.

A. Vernick contacted Deborah Mitchell, CDBG administrator, about money to support care of the community garden in Naaman Williams Park. She doesn't think there is any available. John Walker has not yet set up the prefabricated tool shed. T. Chase reported on raised beds for wheelchair-bound gardeners in gardens in Trenton run by Isles, Inc.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.