

CEDAR GROVE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Municipal Building Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

October 09,2025

Present: Hetal Mistry, Yvan Beausoleil, Mara Silgailis, Sharon Duhaney, Sarah Mahmoud, Tim Heyer

Via Phone: Melissa Skabich

Absent: Charles Montalvo

Old Business:

- The Sustainable New Jersey application was submitted in February 2025. Commissioner Tim Heyer was project lead on the submittal packet with assistance from Commissioners Duhaney and Montalvo. The application Packet was reviewed by the Environmental Commission (EC) prior to submittal. The Township was hoping to achieve "Silver" status with this submittal per the Sustainable New Jersey requirements. Unfortunately, after review by Sustainable NJ, the application was found to be lacking required information for the submittal. The EC will once again review application requirements. One identified deficiency is the requirement of an annual report issued by the Cedar Grove Environmental Commission. Commissioner Beausoleil will work up a draft for review by the EC prior to year end 2025.
- Budget request of approximately \$400 has been submitted to the Township Council for approval.

New business:

- No Site plans were available for review by the EC
- Trail maps are under review by Commissioners Mistry and Montalvo. The addition of a QR code is under consideration. Commissioner Mahmoud will assist with this project
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- Commissioner Mistry attended an Energy Audit event in Verona. The event highlighted energy improvements which can be made to single family home to improve energy efficiency. This training event, sponsored by PSE&G may come to Cedar Grove in the near future
- The Essex Roundtable of Environmental Commissions was held at Turtle back Zoo earlier this month. Commissioner Mistry and Duhaney were scheduled to attend and will report back on the session at our next EC meeting

No further discussion- meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2025 at 8:00 pm in Town Hall. These meetings are open to the public and are posted on the Township of Cedar Grove Calendar.