

PENNINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Agenda for Monday, January 26, 2026 – 7:30 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting (link sent by Betty Sterling, and on Boro website)

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2025

- Motion to approve by: _____ Second by: _____ Aye ___ Nay ___ Abstain ___

3. Announcements

- Key January and February events
- Other announcements from EC members

4. Public Comment (if any)

STRATEGIC PROJECTS

5. Welcome to EC & Introductions – Monica Carlson

- Opportunity to get to know Monica and her background & interests

6. Stream Health, Water Tables, and Water Withdrawals (Guest: Bob Kecskes, local resident and former NJDEP)

- Informal discussion on stream health, groundwater, and water withdrawal thresholds
- How water use is evaluated from an ecological and planning perspective, including limits designed to protect streams and ecosystems
- Context-setting conversation to support EC learning as we begin broader work on water-related issues in 2026

7. Community Conversation: Water Runoff, Stormwater, and Protecting Our Waterways (*Jim, Nell, Nancy*)

- Story-out and framing of the topic
- Update on logistics and timing
- Communications and outreach planning

8. Environmental Commission Site Planning Checklist – Update (*Andrew Seeder, Joann, Andy J, Brian, Kieran*)

- Status update and recent progress
- Discussion of next steps and review process

9. Community Energy Plan (CEP) – Update and Overview (*Brian, Joann, Andy, Kieran*)

- Overview of what the CEP is and why it matters
- General structure and timeline
- Current progress and next steps

10. Pennington Arboretum – Update (*Kieran*)

- Showcase of new signage
- Update on plans for exclosures and enclosures

11. Looking Ahead: EC Priorities for 2026 (*Kieran*)

- Open discussion on themes, priorities, and focus areas for the coming year

STANDING UPDATES

12. Updates from Committees & Boards

- a) Borough Council update (Dan)
- b) Green Team update (Joann)
- c) Planning and Zoning Board update (Andy)
- d) Open Space update (Nancy)

13. Next Meeting

- Monday, February 23, 2026 – 7:30 PM

14. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by: _____ Second by: _____
- Meeting adjourned at: _____