



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF RE ORGANIZATION MEETING AND MODIFIED PROCEDURES

Hopewell Township Environmental Commission; January 20th, 2026; 7:00PM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, and inconsideration of Executive Order No. 103, issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2022, declaring a “State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey”, the Township of Hopewell does hereby notify the public that to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens while ensuring the continued functioning of government, the regular meeting of the Hopewell Township Environmental Commission scheduled for Tuesday January 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM, will be held electronically only. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the business of the Environmental Commission as listed on the agenda posted on the Hopewell Township Website located at: <https://www.hopewelltwp.org/agendacenter>

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**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
TENTATIVE AGENDA TO THE EXTENT KNOWN**

**Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, 7:00 P.M. Re
Organization Meeting**

I. Call to Order/ Statement of Compliance

The Hopewell Township Environmental Commission meeting is hereby called to order at 7:00 p.m. Notice of this meeting has been posted on the municipal bulletin board and forwarded to the Hopewell Township Official Newspapers in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

II. Roll Call

III. Reorganization

- a. Appointment of Chairperson
- b. Appointment/Nomination of Vice-Chairperson
- c. Nomination of Secretary
- d. **2026 Goals**
- e. **2026 Budget**

Below is the proposed budget for review, amendment and approval

Year	Line Item	Amount
2026 (Proposed)	Office Supplies, Web Content	\$ 500.00
2026 (Proposed)	Professional Services (other)	\$ 900.00
2026 (Proposed)	Well Monitoring (Estimate to be verified by Administration)	\$ 5,050.00
2026 (Proposed)	Native Garden Signage & Plants	\$ 600.00
2026 (Proposed)	Membership: NJSTF Group (Municipal/County)	\$ 150.00
2026 (Proposed)	Membership: ANJEC Municipal	\$ 475.00
2026 (Proposed)	Membership: TBD	
2026 (Proposed)	Conference: TBD	
2026 (Proposed)	Training: TBD	
2026 (Proposed)	TBD	
2026 (Proposed)	TOTAL	\$ 7,675.00

IV. Minutes for Approval – December, 2025

V. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

VI. Planning and Zoning Board Applications

a. Zoning Board Application Documents:

Case Materials posted at <http://www.hopewelltwp.org/294/Zoning-Board-of-Adjustment>

None



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b. Planning Board Application Documents

Case Materials posted at <https://www.hopewelltwp.org/291/Planning-Board>
None

VII. Report of Subcommittees / Discussion and Updates - Ongoing Projects

- a. Report from Township Committee liaison
- b. Report from Planning Board
- c. Report from Zoning Board – No liaison currently appointed
- d. **Proposed Native Plant Amendment to environmental ordinances** for new development applications – Status of revised draft amendment to reference full native plant list posted at <https://www.hopewelltwp.org/810/Native-Plant-List>
- e. **Hopewell Valley Gardens for Wildlife**. Kirsi Bhasin
- f. **Community Forest Management Plan (CFMP) requires resubmission and acceptance by December 31, 2025**. Expired and requires new state contact to seek guidance for resubmission.
- g. **Amphibian and Reptile Crossing Infrastructure** – Sourland Conservancy will be presenting at the February 17th Township Committee Meeting
- h. **Drought status and Scotch Rd ground water monitor data**

VIII. Review

IX. New Business

- a. **Recommendation to the Township Committee to issue a resolution recognizing and honoring Mike Aucott for his decades of services on the Environmental Commission and extensive contributions to the township and community.**
- b. **Need to Discuss** until resolution of proposed Native Plant Amendment project: Discuss HOAs common ban on native plant heights, which can be detrimental to the community. Consider possible actions to require HOAs revise their rules. **Deferred**
 - Does Hopewell Township specify a front yard plant height rule in existing ordinances?
 - Consider updating or defining specific minimum and maximum allowable height requirements.

X. Announcements & Correspondence

- a. **Community Conservation Conference** - April 18th @ HVCHS - Doug Tallamy keynote



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b. ANJEC Webinar: Dam Removal In New Jersey - Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 7:00pm

Via Zoom (Register at: <https://secure.givelively.org/event/association-of-new-jersey-environmental-commissions/dam-removal-in-nj>)

This webinar, presented by The New Jersey Statewide Dam Removal Partnership (SDRP) and ANJEC will explore dam removal in NJ and include case studies.

XI. Executive Session

XII. Public Comment

XIII. Adjournment

Copies of information related to this agenda are available for viewing during regular business hours in the Community Development Office located at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building, or at the noted website posting.



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