

**MINUTES
DEMAREST ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

AGENDA- REGULAR MEETING

November 26, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.

Public Announcement of Meeting: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time, and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to The Star Ledger and The Record and was filed with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Demarest in December 2023.

1. Roll Call: Jessica Wang, Angela Rodin, Theodore Alevrontas, Rajiv Krishmurphy, David Lerner, Rajiv Krishmurphy, James Chang
2. Present: Councilwoman Andrea Slowikowski
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve September 2024 minutes was made by Mr. Lerner, seconded by Ms. Rodin. All in favor. September 2024 minutes approved.
4. Old Business:
 - A. Demarest Honey Bees and Hummingbirds-on pause as there will be renovation planning.
 - B. Mr. Krishmurphy has volunteered to be the liaison for student volunteers at the Valley School. The students are always accompanied by the teachers +staff.
 - C. Composting: Discussion and review of several for-profit composting companies and their offerings, not many of them are in Bergen County. Residents can choose their compost to be picked up at their home or they can drop off at a Demarest location for a monthly fee, 22 residents will need to be signed up for the service to start. A 64 gallon bin with master lock and company signage printed for Demarest to be put on the garbage bin will be needed. Mr. Lerner made the motion for "Neighborhood Compost" be the company for Demarest residents and \$200 to be the budget to buy the supplies needed, the 64 gallon bin, masterlock code for residents to use, signage." Mr. Alevrontas seconded. All in favor. Neighborhood Compost service towns near Demarest are: Tenafly, Ridgefield Park, Ramsey, and Leonia. The owner of Neighborhood Compost has offered to do an educational lecture at the Demarest Public Library. This will be scheduled in mid/late January, and will be announced through the Mayor's Newsletter. <https://www.neighborhoodcompost.com/>
5. New Business: none
6. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm by Mr. Alevrontas, seconded by Mr. Chang.