

Minutes of the Alloway Township Environmental Commission Meeting March 9, 2026

Attendees: Debbie Dilks, Larry Massey, Frank Ponti, Renee Wates, Chuck Angelus, Gail Nazarene

Absent: Craig Kane, Chris Gilbert

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

Minutes from the February 9, 2026 meeting reviewed and approved.

Planning/Zoning Board: No new business. Continued discussion of the resolution proposed by Chuck Angelus, Twp Comm, AEC and PB rep.

Old Business:

1. Debbie will contact Lou Joyce, Secretary of the Agriculture Advisory Board, stating interest in the AEC to send representatives to their meetings, enabling communication between our organizations. Frank and Larry will attend the March 12 th Ag Advisory Board meeting, upon hearing from Lou Joyce if March is acceptable to attend.
2. Copies of the revised Kirkwood Cohansey Aquifer Ordinance were distributed by Debbie and Chuck. The Planning Board had an extensive discussion as to the need to develop a new ordinance. Nothing decided yet.
3. The 8th grade teacher has been given the topic for this year's Essay/Poster contest: "Describe the environmental impact of AI data resource centers on land, water, and electrical power." The top 8 will be turned in to the AEC by May 8. Drawing paper will be taken to the school for the posters by Debbie.
4. Discussion on the ongoing Camp Roosevelt situation shared positive outcomes to be finalized soon.

New Business:

1. New grocery store in Salem proposed for opening possibly by August, with locally sourced healthy foods.
2. Discussion was held on the existence of white cedars at Camp Roosevelt and at Cobb's Mill, the habitat of the Hessel's Hairstreak, a rare butterfly in our area, and if the elimination of the dam at Cobb's Mill would affect its habitat.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.