

**SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2026**

**Call to Order**

Time: 7:15 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**OPRA Notification**

**Members Present**

Richard Thumann, Karen Burke, Elizabeth Marcic, Linda Morris

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion: EM

Second: LM

Vote: 4-0

**Minutes Approval (February 26, 2026)**

Motion: RT

Second: EM

Vote: 4-0

**Old Business**

**Mazza Recycling Visit**

Discussion:

We spoke about the improvement in plastics recycling. From when in doubt throw it out to when in doubt recycle. There is a difference between what Mazza can collect and what the town accepts

Action Items:

EM to contact Mazza, RT to coordinate the differences.

**Energy Tips – Sticker**

Discussion:

EM provided Spring Lake with Energy Tips considering making them into stickers

Action Items:

EM to message Town Clerk about making the stickers

### **Tree for Nancy Maclearie**

Discussion:

Planting a tree for remembrance of Nancy. Tentatively a Mulberry to provide food/shelter for ducks and other wildlife

Action Items:

RT to get the cost and contact Town Clerk regarding planting

### **Land Use Board Report**

Discussion:

RT covered the latest action from the Land Use board: Variances from Shore Club, local homeowner variance and last phase of affordable housing planning

### **Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) Update**

Discussion:

Rich Thumann to provide incremental progress – get it done

Action Items:

See above

### **New Business**

#### **Cooperation with the School**

Discussion:

No recent contact with Mrs. Bennington.

Action Items:

EM to attempt contact again

#### **Skip the Stuff Flyers**

Discussion of making and printing skip the stuff flyers from Karen Burke. No current action

Additional Items:

Composting, Raising Chickens – what is the ordinance?

**Voice of the Public**

Name / Comment:

Katie Reynolds (future member) and the board discussed the possibility of connecting with local Girl Scout groups if we can identify a suitable project.

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**Adjournment**

Motion: LM

Second: RT

Vote: 4-0

Time: 8:05

Approved 5/28/26  
Richard Johnson

