

Keyport Environmental Commission
March 24, 2025 Meeting
Keyport Borough Hall

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:04 pm by **Chair Joe Sheridan.**

Sunshine Law was Read

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

	NAME	STATUS	TERM EXPIRES	PRESENT	ABSENT
1	JOE SHERIDAN (JS)	COMMISSIONER, CHAIR/SECRETARY	12/31/2026	X	
2	MIKE PALMISANO (MP)	COMMISSIONER, VICE CHAIR	12/31/2027	X	
3	KATHLEEN BULL DE LOS REYES (KBDLR)	COMMISSIONER	12/31/2025		X
4	DON PACHECO (DP)	COMMISSIONER	12/31/2025	X	
5	LYNNE KOSOBUCKI (LK)	COMMISSIONER, 2-YEAR ALTERNATE #1	12/31/2025	X	
6	MIKE LANE (ML)	COMMISSIONER	12/31/2025	X	
7	DOUG WEIDER (DW)	COMMISSIONER	12/31/2026		X
8	SHAMAR WHITE (SW)	COMMISSIONER	12/31/2027		X
9	LENNIE WALKER (LW)	COMMISSIONER ALTERNATE #2	12/31/2026		X
10	HEATHER BRADY (HB)	KEYPORT BOUROUGH COUNCIL LIAISON	12/31/2025	X	
11	ALISSA PECORA	RESIDENT	-	X	

Corrections to February 24, 2025 KEC Minutes:

- None

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the February 24th, 2024, meeting; Motion to Accept by Don Pacheco (DP); Mike Palmisano (MP) 2nd; HB, JS Abstained; Minutes Approved.

Keyport Borough Council (KBC) Item Updates:

No new updates.

Dr. Cheng's Report

No new updates.

Keyport Central School/Keyport Environmental

Commission/Keyport Borough Mailer Insert Effort:

(LK) – Spoke about how exciting it was to work with Keyport Central School Ms. Manganelli's 8th Grade Class, and how FOUR versions of their Invasive vs Native Plants flyers and how Denise Nellis and the Keyport Borough was able to get full color brochures out in this past Keyport Water/Sewer bills to help educate the Keyport Residents!

(JS) – Signed a letter supporting the Borough of Keyport’s Grant Application to New Jersey Senator Andy Kim for Keyport’s Lead Pipe Replacement Procedure Project (See Attachment #1).

(ML)-Talked about Borough Engineer Trevor Taylor Lead Pipe Replacement Presentation and how there may be a HUGE impact to Keyport Residents. He also stated that there is a deadline for the lead pipe to be replaced by the year 2031 and that there may be funding for the Lockport section of Keyport for water/sewer replacement.

(MP) and (LK) – Talked about the Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweep coming up on Saturday, April 12th, from 9:00am to 11:30am. Please register ahead and see the Flyer as Attachment #2. Keyport Environmental Commission Members may be needed to install warning cones for areas near the Aeromarine for Volunteers to avoid.

(JS) – Discussed the Cedar Street Park Beach Clean-Up to be held on **Tuesday, June 3rd, from 9:00am – 11:00am**, with Ms. Mary Kreiss-Papalski and her Manville High School Special Education Class of approximately 30 Students. Keyport Borough graciously agreed to provide pizza (attempt to be made to include at least one gluten-free pizza) following the clean-up. Keyport DPW has been made aware, and **MP, LK,** and **JS** are planning on attending.

(JS) – Requested signatures from Commissioners that they have received the Keyport Volunteer Handbook. **LK** had issues with some of the wording and **HB** took those issues down to talk with Keyport Borough Council.

(JS) – Submitted e-mail thanking Mr. Dennis McNamara, Agriculture Program Associate, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County (Administrator Kim Humphrey was CCed), and forwarding the Keyport Environmental Commission's interest in the following plants, in 3-gallon buckets, for late September, early October (2025) planting, in the areas of the Cedar Street Park Dune and Veteran's Park Beach Grass areas of the following, if available:

Quantity of five or so 3-gallon pots of each of the following:

- **American beachgrass** (*Ammophila brevigulata*)
- **Wand panic grass** (*Panicum virgatum*)
- **Coastal panicgrass** (*Panicum amarum*)
- **Saltmeadow Cordgrass** (*Spartina patens*)
- **Blonde Ambition** (*Bouteloua gracilis*)
- **Pink muhly**
- **Pennsylvania sedge** (*Carex Pennsylvanica*)
- **Northern Sea Oats** (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)

(JS) – Spoke about coordinating with the Harbor Commission and Borough Council on installing educational signs affixed to the Keyport Waterfront Promenade railings somewhat similar to the Sayreville Sayre and Fisher Brick Company Coal Plant at the Ken Buchanan Riverfront Park (See Attachment #3).

(MP) – Stated the Keyport Green Team will have a presentation on Wednesday, March 26th, at 6:30pm, on Vegetable Planting, and was also interested in getting another Presenter for their April 23rd Presentation.

(ML) – Requested that JS e-mail D. Nellis regarding the Keyport Environmental Commission's Cass Street Letter to be included with all the documentation for their upcoming Planning Board Meeting. **ACTION** on **JS** to do so.

Mike Lane's Observations on Health and Safety Items:

No new update as Mike was on vacation!

Open to the Public

9:39pm: JS opened the meeting to the Public.

Close to the Public

9:40pm: JS closed the meeting to the Public.

ACTION ITEMS LIST

JS: Coordinate with Planning Board Secretary D. Nellis to ensure KEC letter to Planning Board regarding potential wellhead contamination is placed with the Application.

ATTACHED ITEMS LIST

1. Borough's Lead Pipe Replacement Project Support Letter to Senator A. Kim from KEC.
2. Clean Ocean Action April 12th Beach Sweep Flyer and Registration Information.
3. Example Photographs of promenade Railing Signage and Installation.

Meeting Adjourned 9:41pm: Motion to Adjourn LK; HB 2nd; Unanimous.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, April 28th, 2025, at 8:00pm, at Keyport Borough Hall Council Chamber.**

Minutes submitted by Joe Sheridan.

 4/28/25

Keyport Environmental Commission
Keyport, NJ 07735

Senator Andy Kim
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Suite B-40D
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending
Water and Sewer System Rehabilitation
Borough of Keyport, Monmouth County, NJ

Dear Senator Kim,

The Keyport Environmental Commission (KEC), established to serve as an advocate for environmental issues that affect Keyport residents, businesses, and visitors. I am writing to express my strong support for the Borough of Keyport's application for Congressionally Directed Spending to improve its drinking water and sanitary sewer infrastructure. This critical project will replace aging and undersized water mains, remove lead water service lines, and upgrade deteriorating sanitary sewer mains—enhancements that will significantly improve water quality, system reliability, and environmental health for Keyport residents. By modernizing these essential systems, the Borough will not only safeguard public health but also mitigate the risk of contamination, water loss, and costly emergency repairs.

Investing in these improvements will have lasting environmental benefits, including reducing the potential for lead exposure, preventing leaks that contribute to water waste, and improving stormwater management to protect local waterways. With these upgrades, Keyport will be better positioned to ensure safe and sustainable drinking water for future generations while promoting resilience against climate-related impacts. I strongly urge your support for this funding request, as it represents a vital step toward protecting both public health and the environment.

Sincerely,



Joseph E. Sheridan
Keyport Environmental Commission Chair



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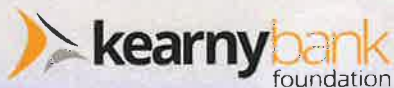
Saturday, April 12, 2025

9am - 12:30pm *rain or shine*

Volunteers needed at 80+ NJ locations!

Register at CleanOceanAction.org

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Joe Sheridan

From: Meg Sulzberg (Clean Ocean Action) <MSulzberg@CleanOceanAction.org>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 2:56 PM
To: Joe Sheridan
Subject: Upcoming Beach Sweeps

Hello Sheridan,

Thank you for registering to participate in Clean Ocean Action's 40th **Annual Spring Beach Sweeps on Saturday, April 12th from 9:00am – 12:30pm**. It is going to be a wonderful morning spent making a difference for NJ beaches **rain or shine!**

If you would like to attend another site, due to any changes made to your original site, or for any other reason, please feel free to do so. You will only need to show the Beach Captain registration confirmation (not site specific). Additionally, there is no need to reach out if you can no longer attend, however we hope to see you at our next Beach Sweeps on October 19th.

Please follow Clean Ocean Action on social media for the latest updates about the Beach Sweeps. If you have questions about the sweeps, please reach out in advance, as staff will be out on the beaches with you and unable to answer the phone!

If this is your first Beach Sweep, please visit our website for answers to frequently asked questions, and continue reading below!

Please arrive at your selected site around kick-off at 9am. Each site will have a volunteer Beach Captain to distribute materials and provide instructions during the cleanup. Parking is first-come-first-serve. Registration will remain open through the event, so please encourage friends and family to tag along!

Remember: COA's Beach Sweeps are a massive community science project, and the data collected at the Beach Sweeps provides a legacy of information that can be used to identify sources of pollution, monitor trends, and discover and promote solutions. At the Beach Sweeps, you will be a citizen scientist for the day! Did you know volunteers like you have helped to **remove over 8,491,233 pieces of debris**? Read the 2023 Beach Sweeps Annual Report [here](#)!

To provide the most useful and accurate data, please remember to:

- Fill out the front and back of each data card completely, including brand names and unusual items
- **Record each piece of debris** in the appropriate location on the data card with a tally mark and **total each item** at the conclusion of the sweep
- Don't forget to record any interesting or wacky find to be included in next year's Roster of the Ridiculous!
- Return the data card to the Beach Captain, along with tied garbage and recycling bags

For a safe and successful Beach Sweeps, please follow the tips below:

- *Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult*
- **Bring and wear your own gloves** (All other materials will be provided)
- **Bring your own bucket, if possible (this helps to reduce the number of plastic bags used)**
- *Attend rain or shine and dress for the weather—it's usually chillier at the beach*
- *Wear sunscreen and sun protective clothing*
- *Wear closed-toed, hard-soled shoes such as sneakers (no open-toed sandals, please)*
- *Reduce single-use plastics and bring a reusable water bottle*
- *Stay off the dunes and respect wildlife*

Please email any photos or tag COA on social media for a chance to be highlighted.

- Facebook: @CleanOcean
- Instagram: @CleanOceanAction
- Twitter: @CleanOcean

The success of COA's Beach Sweeps relies on dedicated volunteers like you! Support the Beach Sweeps and COA's year-round work to reduce pollution and improve water quality! Make an even larger splash by donating today!

Waves of many sincere thanks,

Meg Sulzberg

Plastic-Free Sea Coordinator

Clean Ocean Action (COA)

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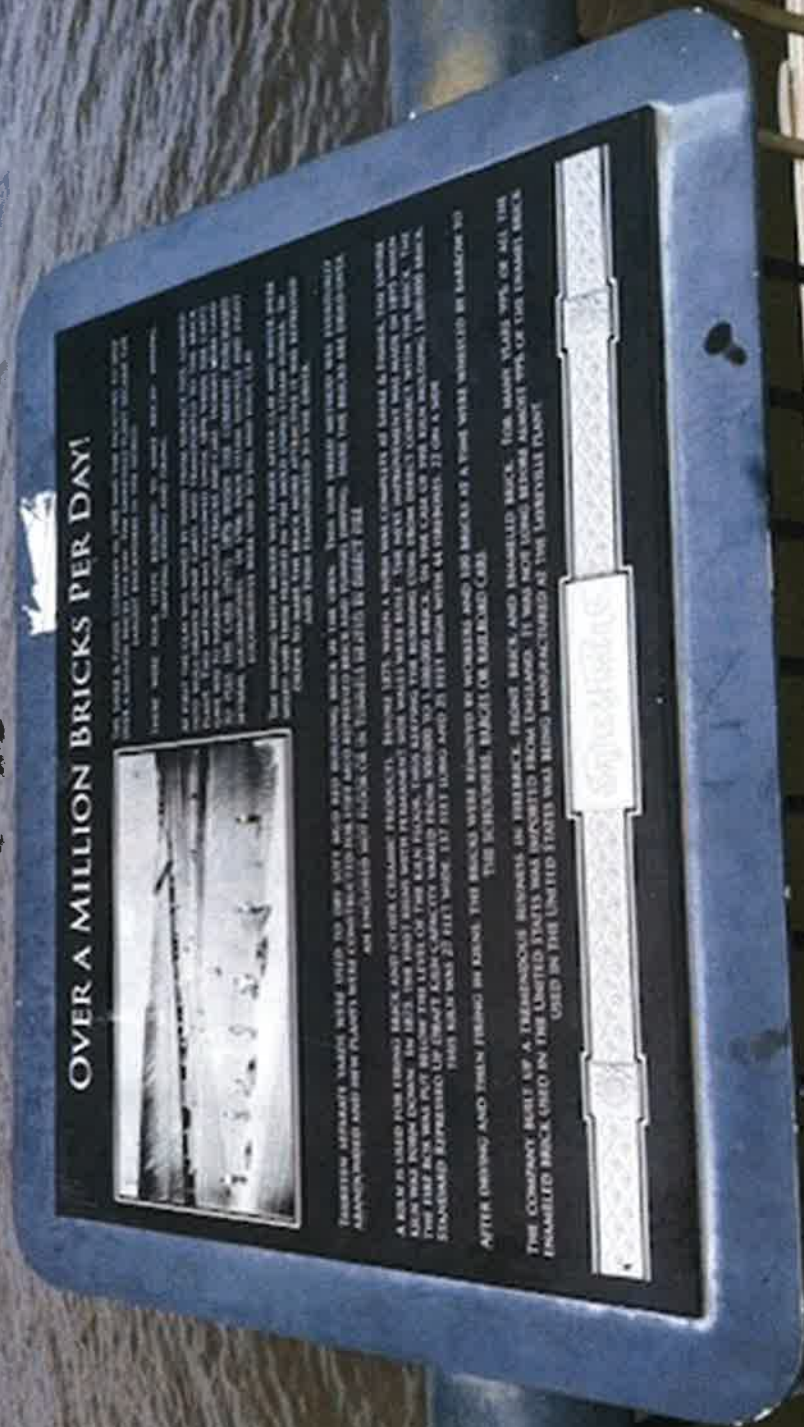
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March 24, 2025

