

Keyport Environmental Commission
April 27, 2026 Meeting
Keyport Borough Hall

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:00 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 BELL DE LOS REYES (KBDLR)	COMMISSIONER	12/31/2028	X	
4	FRANK OCCHUIZZI (FO)	COMMISSIONER	12/31/2028	X	
5	LYNNE KOSOBUCKI (LK)	COMMISSIONER, 1-YEAR UNEXPIRED TERM OF DOUG WEIDER	12/31/2026		X
6	MIKE LANE (ML)	COMMISSIONER	12/31/2028	X	
7	JASON FALTINGS (JF)	COMMISSIONER	12/31/2027	X	
8	SHAMAR WHITE (SW)	COMMISSIONER	12/31/2027	X	
9	LIONEL NAZCO (LN)	COMMISSIONER ALTERNATE #2	12/31/2026	X	
10	HEATHER BRADY (HB)	KEYPORT BOROUGHS COUNCIL LIAISON	12/31/2026	X	
11	DR. JUN CHENG	KEAN UNIVERSITY ASSOC. PROFESSOR	-		X
12	AL LITWAK (AL)	RESIDENT; KEYPORT HARBOR COMMISSION	-	X	
13	JOHN MERLA (JM)	RESIDENT	-	X	
14	AVERY MEYER (AM)	RESIDENT	-	X	

Corrections to March 23, 2026 KEC Minutes:

None

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the March 23rd, 2026, meeting: Motion to Accept by Mike Lane (ML); 2nd by Jason Faltings (JF); Minutes Approved.

Dr. Cheng's Report

Dr. Cheng was not present but is looking forward to the Beach Cedar Street Park Beach Sweep on May 19th with the Students from Somerset County Vocational Technical School to talk with them about how he does surveys and the shoreline monitoring program established by the coastal geology group.

Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweep

(MP)/(LK) – Occurred on 4/11/2026; had 47 Volunteers, including Bayshore Medical Center, Ecomaniacs, 4H, Water Spirit, and the Keyport Democrats. Items cleaned included about 580 lbs of debris removed, 10 black trash bags filled, 80 lbs of recycled bottles and cans, a bike, a car fender, and PVC pipe. Please see Appendix 1 for a summary of items found. The belief is that more litter comes from our side of the beach than gets washed up.

Northern Monmouth Watershed Alliance Update

(MP)/(LK) – MP and LK coordinated with other towns with the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) permitting process. They discussed outreach programs to gain points through “Know Your Stream” event.

Mike Lane’s Health and Safety Input:

Mike Lane spoke about his April 8th Keyport Environmental Commission Health and Safety meeting with Keyport Borough Administrator Hector Herrera along with Commissioners MP, LK, KBDLR, and Harbor Commission Member Al Litwak to speak mainly about Keyport flood mitigation. A follow-up meeting is planned for the July/August timeframe.

Keyport Ordinance No. 2026-09, Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 entitled “Water and Sewer”, by Creating New Section 14-6 “Privately Owned Salt Storage” of the Code of the Borough of Keyport

(HB) – Spoke about the Storage of salt and de-icing materials, Keyport Ordinance No. 2026-09.

(MP) – Regarding Keyport ordinance No. 2026-09, ML opined that the storage should be above the flood plain, or 19’ above sea level. There should be Inspectors and a process for recording conditions of Approval and Inspections.

(HB) – Responded that Inspections do not assign responsible individuals and there is no written process.

(JF) – Talked about where to store the salt.

(SW) – Agrees that we need a process to perform the inspections.

Aeromarine Asbury Park Press Story Discussion

(MP) – Looking for the Department of Health to come up with the cause.

(ML) – The groundwater should be sampled.

(JF) – Capped properties are fine. There would be alarms/warnings if levels were exceeded.

(AL)-The Aeromarine appears completely unsupervised-cannot get data on the well sites.

(MP)-Recalled the Sadatt Report referencing contamination at the Aeromarine Site.

(LN)-Possible methane gas issue.

(KBR)-We need to see the analysis.

(SW)-Need testing and results; asked what can be done?

(ML)-The Aeromarine needs to be fully bulkheaded.

(FO)-DEP and Congressman Pallone are looking into this issue.

(HB)-Absolutely look into the cancer cluster issue.

(AM)-Is this a Superfund site? Several said no, it wasn't.

(ML)-We need to ask for disclosure of the test wells.

(JF)-Union Beach houses butt up to the Aeromarine as well.

(JM)-50% are right/50% are wrong.

(ML)-Need Test Wells dug.

(SW)-The DEP needs to be transparent with their role in this issue.

Raritan Bay Slag Superfund Site Project Submission

(JS) – Borough Engineer will move forward with 4 applications for possible grants.

Keyport Water Bill Mailer

(LK) – *Preventing High Bacteria Levels in the Bay* flyers to be inserted in the June Borough of Keyport water/sewer bills. Please see Attachment 2.

Open to the Public

9:32pm: JS opened the meeting to the Public.

(AL)-Worried about water chemistry and tree debris, where most of the tree debris is coming from the Aeromarine.

(AM)-spoke about dredging.

(JM)-there were two monitoring wells at Aeromarine that were out of order.

Close to the Public

9:43pm: JS closed the meeting to the Public.

ATTACHED ITEMS LIST

- 1. Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweep List.**
- 2. Preventing High Bacteria in the Bay Mailer Inserts.**

Meeting Adjourned 9:43pm: Motion to Adjourn FO; JF 2nd; Unanimous.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, July 27th, 2026, at 8:00pm, at Keyport Borough Hall Council Chamber.**

Minutes submitted by Joe Sheridan.



MASTER

Please complete both sides

Thank you for participating in Clean Ocean Action's (COA) Beach Sweeps and completing this data card. Data collection is the most important task and turns your dedication and volunteerism into a legacy of information we use to reduce litter and marine debris. The data from this card is collected and analyzed to identify pollution trends in the waters off New Jersey's coast. The final results from Beach Sweep are incorporated into an Annual Report used to educate citizens and lawmakers about nonpoint source pollution. The Fall data is also forwarded to Ocean Conservancy, who maintains an international database for tracking trends of marine debris in world's oceans. For information on how to help raise funds, reduce pollution, and check out COA's Annual Beach Sweep Reports visit www.CleanOceanAction.org.

Consent: As a participant in the Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweeps, I/we understand that I/we participate at our own risk and that there may be photos and/or video taken that may be used by Clean Ocean Action.

CLEANUP SITE INFORMATION			
CLEAN UP SITE NAME	CITY/MUNICIPALITY	COUNTY	BEACH CAPTAIN NAME
CEDAR STREET	KEYPORT	MONMOUTH	MIKE PALMISANO LYNN MOSCIBUCKI KATHLEEN DELCORREYES
Type of Cleanup: ☒ Bay ☐ Shoreline/Beach ☐ Lake, Stream, or River			
DATE OF CLEANUP	4.11.26	NAME OF GROUP/SCHOOL	
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS WORKING ON THIS FORM	47	BAYSHORE MED CENTER HSN, 4H, INGREWILL CAMP, BOYSCOUTS, GIRLS SCOUTS, WATER SPIRIT KEYPORT DEMS, KEYPORT BWC, KEYPORT CENTRAL SCH	
BEACH SWEEP VOLUNTEER INFORMATION Teams of two are encouraged			
VOLUNTEER 1		VOLUNTEER 2	
Name: _____		Name: BLACK BAGS 10x30LB = 300	
Street Address: _____		Street Address: RECYCLE BUS 1/2 FULLY = 2 x 40LB = 80	
City, State, Zip: _____		City, State, Zip: _____	
Phone: [] _____		Phone: 1 OTHER MISC BLK = 200	
Email: _____		Email: TOTAL LBS 580 LBS	
BRAND NAMES Please list the brand names and items		MOST UNUSUAL ITEMS FOUND	
COURS, MODELLO, BUD, DUNKIN, COSTA		CAR PART - FINGER LINER BICYCLE, 10FT PVC PIPE, TILES	
COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS about the cleanup (including entangled animals)			
FROM DATA CARDS: "WINDY NOT TOO MUCH GARBAGE", "LOTS OF GLASS"			

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SWEEP:

- Be careful with sharp objects
- Wear gloves
- Stay off dunes
- Respect wildlife
- Do not lift heavy objects
- Wear sunscreen
- Have fun!

BLACK BAGS ARE FOR GARBAGE WHITE BAGS ARE FOR RECYCLABLES

Volunteers can reduce the use of plastic bags by bringing their own bucket or reusable bag for trash collection.

Please return this Data Card to a Beach Captain or mail it to:
CLEAN OCEAN ACTION, 49 Avenue Blvd., Long Branch, NJ 07740



732-873-8511
CleanOceanAction.org
info@CleanOceanAction.org
49 Avenue Boulevard
Long Branch, NJ 07740

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Bottles/jars:	
Beverage Bottles	6
Other Bottles/jars	2
Pieces	8
Other Glass (specify)	1

Stormwater Runoff: A Growing Threat to Clean Water

Road salt, pet waste, and fertilizers can have a major impact to our beaches and communities!

Did you know your snow and ice solution is a major threat to the sea?

The salt that helps your tires grip to the road, when it washes away in the spring, poses a real danger to our ocean. It is one of the biggest pollutants to our sea.

No More:
~~Pet Waste~~
~~Fertilizer~~
~~Road Salt~~
On or near our beaches!

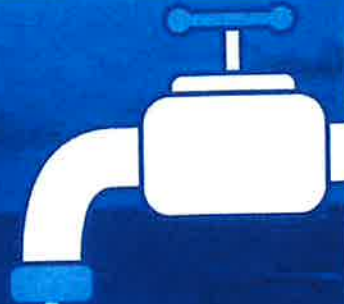
If you want to help, always make sure to pick up after your pet's waste. When the rain comes, it can wash into the water and contaminate it. You don't want to swim in that, do you?



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Rainfall or Risk? Understanding Stormwater Pollution

Every Drop Counts!



Stormwater runoff is rain or snowmelt that flows over surfaces like roofs, roads, and parking lots, picking up pollutants such as oil, fertilizers, pet waste, and trash.

Here's How You Can Help:

-  Pick up pet waste with biodegradable bags and safely dispose of waste
-  Limit fertilizer use
-  Restrict salt use on sidewalks and roads
-  Safely dispose of garbage

Small Changes, Big Impact

#SaveWater

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Waste to Water

Stormwater from rain or melting snow can cause environmental issues and infrastructure challenges by leading to water pollution. We can help fix and prevent this by:

- Limiting the use of fertilizer and salt.
- Cleaning up after your dog.
- Picking up trash off of the ground.
- Implement pet toilets and other similar solutions.
- Participating in beach, ocean and townwide clean-ups.

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HOW STORM WATER RUNOFF POLLUTES OUR WATER:



- FERTILIZERS MAY MAKE YOUR YARD LOOK PRETTY BUT IT HARMS WATER ECOSYSTEMS.



- WHEN PEOPLE WALK THEIR DOGS AND DON'T PICK UP THEIR WASTE, IT ENDS UP IN THE WATER.

PROBLEMS:

- DOG WASTE
- FERTILIZER
- OIL



SOLUTIONS:

- PICK UP DOG WASTE
- REDUCE USE OF FERTILIZER



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