

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was answered by Chairperson Steve Kahn and Lauren Preisen. Vance Antoniou was absent.

Also present was Village Health and Sanitation Officer Natalie Karney, Village Forester Susan Allman, Village Administrator John Lobaito and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes from January 6, 2026 Environmental & Health Commission Meeting

Motion by Lauren Preisen and seconded by Steve Kahn to approve January 6, 2026, Environmental & Health Commission Meeting Minutes. On roll call, Chairperson Steve Kahn and Lauren Preisen voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Discussion with Natalie Karney

Chairperson Steve Kahn addressed Village Health and Sanitation Officer, Natalie Karney, and thanked her for attending. Ms. Karney explained her role in the Village as the Health and Sanitation Officer. She interacts with the residents and Village staff, along with septic contractors and Lake County Health Department to ensure the needs of the residents are met when installing septic systems, and subsequent inspections. Ms. Karney is available to assist residents with their questions. The Commission believes this is an asset to the Village residents, as many are new to the area, and are not familiar with private well and septic systems. Ms. Karney will write an article for the next Village newsletter. The Commission discussed available water testing that residents can participate in.

2025 Tree of the Year Discussion

Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy reported she had ordered the 2025 Tree of the Year plaques and yard sign for the winner at 517 Shady Lane.

Arbor Day/Earth Day Planning

The Commission discussed the available dates for the Arbor Day Event. Biltmore Country Club will donate a tree again. Chairperson Steve Kahm will contact Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson David Lauffer to discuss the possibility of planting the donated tree at Eton Park. Due to the impending 5-year Master Plan implementation, the tree planting location may change.

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Brainstorming/Strategic Planning/Resident Survey

The Commission discussed ways to engage the community as well as encourage participation in gardening, conservation and cleanup of natural areas.

Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will contact the Ancient Oaks Foundation and inquire about the status of the Buckthorn Bounty program. Residents stated in the past they participated in removing invasive Buckthorn from their property.

Chairperson Kahn stated he is collaborating with the Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson to design a joint events flyer.

Old/New Business

The Commission is continuing to recruit new Commission members.

Adjournment

Motion by Chairperson Steve Kahn and seconded by Lauren Preisen to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote Chairperson Steve Kahn and Lauren Preisen voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The meeting of the Environmental and Health Commission was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

John Lobaito
Village Clerk

