

**BOROUGH OF KINNELON
ORDINANCE NO. 14-2026**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 51 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE
BOROUGH OF KINNELON TITLED "SUSTAINABILITY AND OPEN SPACE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE" AND REPLACE IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER 51 TITLED
"KINNELON ENVIRONMENTAL AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE"**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kinnelon desire to adopt an Organizational Chart which establishes and depicts the official organizational structure for the Borough of Kinnelon.

Section I NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kinnelon that the existing Chapter 51 is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

§ 51-1. Establishment.

A Kinnelon Environmental and Open Space Committee is hereby established in and for the Borough of Kinnelon.

§ 51-2. Membership; terms; qualifications; Council liaison; Secretary. Membership.

- (1) The Kinnelon Environmental and Open Space Committee shall be comprised of seven regular members and two alternates:
 - (a) Seven members from the public;
 - (b) Two alternates from the public designated as Alternate No. 1 and Alternate No. 2 who may participate in all matters but may not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member. Alternate No. 1 shall be the first to vote in the place of a regular member, then Alternate No. 2.
 - (2) The Mayor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Council, all members of Kinnelon Environmental and Open Space Committee. All members of Kinnelon Environmental and Open Space Committee shall be residents of the Borough of Kinnelon.
- B.** The terms of the members first appointed shall be as follows:
- (1) Two alternates from the public shall be appointed for one-year term;
 - (2) Two members from the public shall be appointed for one-year term;
 - (3) Two members from the public shall be appointed for two-year terms; and
 - (4) Three members from the public shall be appointed for three-year terms.
 - (5) Thereafter, the term for each member of the public shall be for a period of three years.
 - (6) Any vacancy occurring during the term of any of the members of the public shall be

filled for the balance of the unexpired term.

§ 51-3. Purpose.

The Kinnelon Environmental and Open Space Committee is intended to serve in an advisory capacity to the Borough Council, its officials and boards, and shall provide information, advice and recommendations relating to sustainability, environmental and open space issues.

§ 51-4. Duties.

The Kinnelon Environmental and Open Space Committee shall have the duties and responsibilities as follows:

- A. Study and make reports and recommendations as may be directed by the Borough Council regarding environmental issues such as land use and development, solid waste management, toxic materials storage, air and water pollution, light pollution, noise control, open space preservation, water resources management, energy conservation and any other areas that are deemed relevant.

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- B. Serve as a repository for information relating to the above.
- C. Recommend to the Borough Council, subject to funds being available, the hiring of experts to assist the Kinnelon Environmental and Open Space Committee in carrying out its duties.
- D. Make recommendations to the Borough Council regarding parcels of land for acquisition.
- E. Make recommendations to the Borough Council regarding the preservation, management and use of open space.
- F. Provide input for the updating of the Open Space and Recreation Plan.
- G. Assist the Borough in the development of an open space tracking system to catalogue the undeveloped or underdeveloped lands in the Borough and record the progress with respect to open space preservation.
- H. Coordinate activities in cooperation with other committees entrusted with responsibilities related to various Kinnelon Environmental and Open Space Committee relevant issues.
- I. Submit reports to the Borough Council of various Kinnelon Environmental and Open Space Committee activities.
- J. Assist the Borough in the evaluation, establishment and implementation of sustainable and resource management initiatives.
- K. Coordinate with the Recreation Committee and Historical Committee the recreation and historic sites information for the Open Space and Recreation Plan.
- L. Make recommendations to the Planning Board to maintain the Borough's
 - (1) Environmental resource inventory: the basis for land use planning that protects natural resources.
 - (2) Critical habitat conservation and management plan: stewardship and monitoring of critical habitats in the Highlands Preservation Area if required by NJDEP.

(3) Open space and recreation plan: a guide for protection and preservation of open space in Kinnelon.

M. Establish subcommittees and delegate tasks as needed.

N. Periodically review its function and submit a recommendation to the Borough Council as to whether additional duties should be assigned or delegated to the Committee.

O. Recommend to the Borough Council grants of interest.

P. Develop a public education program with the goal of promoting sustainability, environmental and open space preservation in the Borough.

§ 51-5. Compensation.

The members of the Kinnelon Environmental and Open Space Committee shall receive no salary or other compensation for their services.

Section 2. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflicts.

Section 3. Severability

If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The governing body of the Borough of Kinnelon declares that it would have passed the ordinance and each section thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take immediate effect upon passage and publication according to law.

Adopted 09/17/2026 on roll call vote as follows:

	Introduced	Seconded	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mabey	X		X			
Chirido			X			
Frank			X			
Lewis			X			
Reckler			X			
Harriz		X	X			