

**HARDING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M. – ZOOM MEETING
June 2, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Harding Township, NJ Environmental Commission (EC) was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mr. Symonds, Chairman. The following statement was read: "This regularly scheduled meeting of the Harding Township Environmental Commission is held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice was given in announcements sent to the *Observer Tribune* and the *Daily Record*, filed with the Township Clerk and posted on various bulletin boards".

ROLL CALL

On a call of the roll, the following were present:

Members Present:	Hugh Symonds, Chair James Novotny, Vice Chair Kate Barry Brenda Catalanello Richard Clew William Seifert Lisa Welsh
Excused:	Alf Newlin
Absent:	Christina Juliano
TC Liaisons:	Christopher Yates
Also Present:	George Byrnes, Commission Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Novotny made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the May 5, 2021, meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Seifert. On a voice vote, all eligible voters were in favor and the minutes were approved as amended.

PROJECTS – MAJOR

Community Outreach and Engagement

Mr. Novotny stated that the tree planting project at the Harding Township School was a success and the students enjoyed the planting day. Mr. Novotny also discussed how to keep the saplings alive during the summer.

The Natural Web Presentation

Mr. Novotny stated that around ten people attended the presentation and Ms. Borge was very knowledgeable.

Hunting Policy

Mr. Symonds asked the commissioners to review the Hunting Policy and formulate any changes that should be made to the policy for the next meeting. Mr. Symonds also stated that word needs to be

distributed to hunters about the hunting policy.

Rolling Knolls

Ms. Barry stated that there was no new activity on Rolling Knolls, but that the Fish and Wildlife Service is holding a meeting on June 17th for their ideas on the subject.

Japanese Knotweed

Mr. Symonds stated that he had further communication from the Mt. Kemble Lake Community and they would like further actions taken to control the growth of Japanese Knotweed along Bailey's Mill Road.

LIAISON REPORTS

BOA – Mr. Symonds reported that the cell tower application is still continuing with planning testimony, and there was a special meeting for residential applications, with four other applications heard.

Planning Board – Mr. Clew reported that there was a site visit of the KRE application site, but it was hard to get a visual with the current conditions on the site. The plans are currently being revised and will be reviewed once finished.

HOST – Mr. Novotny stated that HOST discussed a few properties that were of interest for the town to buy.

Shade Tree – Mr. Novotny stated that there was no meeting.

Township Committee – Mr. Yates stated that the TC items were previously covered in the KRE discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Symonds opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments on items not included on the agenda. There being no further comments, the public session was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission will be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 7:30PM at the Harding Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

George Byrnes

George Byrnes, Secretary
Harding Township Environmental Commission