

**HARDING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M. – MUNICIPAL BUILDING
August 4, 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:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Clew made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2021, meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Catalanello. On a voice vote, all eligible voters were in favor and the minutes were approved.

PROJECTS – MAJOR

Community Outreach and Engagement

Mr. Platt stated that the school told him that they had their own water supply for the saplings planted as part of the tree project.

Centennial Celebrations

Mr. Symonds stated that Township Committee Member Chipperson is running a planning committee for celebration Harding Township's centennial and wants the Environmental Commissioners to think of ways to support the event and the EC at the same time.

Rolling Knolls

Ms. Barry stated that there had been no new meetings, but there had been an update between the owners of the affected properties with a memo of understanding on the use of the space.

LIAISON REPORTS

BOA – Mr. Symonds reported that the cell tower application is still continuing with a new crane test and presentations by objectors, and there was a special meeting for residential applications.

Planning Board – Mr. Clew reported that there was another site visit of the KRE application site after some clearing had taken place. There has been an ecologist engaged to review native plantings on the site.

HOST – Mr. Novotny was not present.

Shade Tree – Mr. Novotny was not present.

Township Committee – Mr. Platt stated that the ordinance banning the trapping of fox and coyotes will be sunseting at the end of the year and he would like the support of the EC for the passing of a permanent trapping ordinance. The Commissions made a motion: We request information that shows if the Fox and Coyote Trapping Ordinance has had an environmental benefit in the Township. This motion was made by Mr. Symonds and seconded by Mr. Newlin with all members in favor on a voice vote.

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 8:40 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission will be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 7:30PM at the Harding Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

George Byrnes

George Byrnes, Secretary
Harding Township Environmental Commission