

**HARDING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M. – MUNICIPAL BUILDING
January 6, 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
 Kate Barry
 Brenda Catalanello
 Richard Clew
 Christina Juliano
 Alf Newlin
 James Novotny
 William Seifert

Excused: Lisa Welsh

TC Liaisons: Chris Yates

Also Present: George Byrnes, Commission Secretary

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

OATHS OF OFFICE

Mr. Symonds, Ms. Barry, Ms. Catalanello, Mr. Clew, Ms. Juliano, and Mr. Seifert each took an Oath of Allegiance and Office as Members of the Commission.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Nominations were opened for Vice Chair for the year 2021. Mr. Clew nominated Mr. Novotny, which was seconded by Mr. Newlin. On a voice vote, all were in favor. Motion carried and Mr. Novotny was elected Vice Chair. Mr. Novotny took an Oath of Office for his position as Vice Chair.

RESOLUTION #21-01 - SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2021

Mr. Clew made a motion to approve the Resolution listing the Environmental Commission regular meeting dates for 2021 and the reorganization meeting date for 2022, which was seconded by Mr. Newlin. On a voice vote, all were in favor. Motion was carried.

RESOLUTION #21-02 – DESIGNATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION SECRETARY

Mr. Clew made a motion to approve the Resolution appointing Mr. Byrnes as Environmental Commission Secretary, which was seconded by Mr. Newlin. On a voice vote, all were in favor. Motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Clew made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Novotny. On a voice vote, all eligible voters were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Symonds made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Clew. On a voice vote, all eligible voters were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Novotny made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Clew. On a voice vote, all eligible voters were in favor and the minutes were approved.

PROJECTS – MAJORCalendar of Events

Mr. Symonds presented the proposed schedule for 2021 with listed dates for speakers as 3/16/21, 5/19/21, 9/15/21, and 11/17/21. A discussion occurred about the types of topics that could be covered for these presentations. Ms. Barry said that she would reach out to possible people for talking about composting. Mr. Yates said he could contact people about invasives and knotweed.

Mr. Clew talked about ANJEC and the training they provide.

Community Outreach and Engagement

Mr. Clew asked Mr. Yates to reach out to Rich Darke and Mr. Newlin to reach out to Mary Anne Burge about them coming to speak to the EC.

Mr. Novotny stated that he was working with the school to restart the tree planting project that was put on hold with the onset of the pandemic.

Rolling Knolls

Ms. Barry explained what the Rolling Knolls community advisory group has been set up for and then announced that there was a meeting occurring later in January.

LIAISON REPORTS

BOA – Mr. Symonds reported that the cell tower application is still continuing and that there was a variance application on Lee's Hill Road for setback requirements.

Planning Board – Mr. Clew reported that the Planning Board worked on the zoning ordinance changes for the B-2 zone and some minor revisions to others.

HOST – Mr. Novotny stated that there was no meeting.

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

Township Committee – Mr. Yates stated that the first public hearing for the Glen Alpin Diversion was scheduled for later in the month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Clew 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 9:05 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 7:30PM by Zoom Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

George Byrnes

George Byrnes, Secretary
Harding Township Environmental Commission