



Alt. 1 Casagrande	X
Alt. 2 Kirchdoerffer	X

**2016 CALENDAR:**

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**2016 events calendar- Deferred to Feb. 1, 2016 meeting**

Clean up/Nature Walk @ Natco Park (Gramercy Entrance) April 2, 10-12pm  
 Peeper Walk (behind Lillian Dr. School) April 15th/RD 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm  
 Earth Day (behind Lillian Dr. School) April 23<sup>rd</sup>/RD 24, 11am  
 Clean up @ Stone Road (meet at U.B. soccer fields) May 14<sup>th</sup>/RD15, 10 am  
 Memorial Day Service @ Veterans Park May 30<sup>th</sup> - 10am  
 Hazlet Day @ Veterans Park – Sept. 17th/RD 18<sup>th</sup> -11am-4:30pm  
 Fall Nature Walk in Natco Park-(behind The Gramercy) Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>/RD13th, 10am  
 Holiday Tree Decoration in Natco Park(behind Lillian Dr. School)Dec.  
 18<sup>th</sup>/Rd31st, 2pm.

**Discuss ANJEC grant for Natco Park-MAST trails and sign project**

ANJEC has \$1500.00 grants available. Chair Cullen-MAST could use money for materials to build signs for Natco Park.

**MOTION: To approve applying for the ANJEC Grant**

OFFERED: Com. Mazza 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chair. Cullen

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Com. Bucci	X			
Chair. Cullen	X			
Com. Dente	X			
Com. Geer	X			
V. Chair. Ledja	X			
Com. Mazza	X			
Com. Nicholl	X			
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**Discuss 2016 NJDEP Tree Recovery Campaign**

Com. Dente- The state is giving up to 2000 trees free. We can ask the Township Committee if DPW could pick up the trees in Freehold for us. Com. Dente- they have a few different species, but we can't request what we would like. We could replace the trees that were destroyed by putting in the road at Bart Place. Com.

Bucci – we need to replace trees that are native to Natco. Com. Mazza – who would plant the trees and when will the trees be available? Where will we store the trees? The state is doing this to replace the trees that were lost during Super Storm Sandy. Com. Bucci- we need to can guidance from the DPW as to where we can put the trees in Natco.

Chair Cullen – Com. Dente get more information, then request 500 trees. Com. Mazza read the e mail and it stated that the trees are 1 to 3 ft. tall and they may be picked up between April 1 and May 5. We should pick up trees about a week before Earth Day. V. Chair Ledja- we could use them for Earth day. If we have left over we could offer them to residents.

We must submit our request for trees by Feb. 12, 2016.

**Discuss date change for the November 2016 meeting**

The November meeting was scheduled for Nov. 14, 2016 at the January meeting. Due to the way the calendar falls the Township Committee will need the meeting room on that date. The November meeting has tentatively been rescheduled for Nov. 21, 2016. The HEC will revisit this issue at the September 2016 meeting.

**ANJEC Workshop March 12, 2016-**

Com. Mazza asked if any commissioners would like to join her at the workshop on the Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions.

**MOTION: To approve \$35.00 for Com. Mazza to attend an ANJEC workshop:**

OFFERED: Com. Nicholl 2<sup>nd</sup>: Com. Bucci

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Com. Bucci				
Chair. Cullen				
Com. Dente				
Com. Geer				
V. Chair. Ledja				
Com. Mazza				
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**Voice Vote: yes**

**UPDATES:**

**Natco Sub-Committee –Com. Lejda, Com. Dente**  
**No update**

**Land Use Board –**

Com. Nicholl is no longer on the board.  
No update

**Open Space Advisory Council-Com. Bucci**

Com. Bucci – Deputy Mayor Kiley reported that on January 8, 2016 the Township made an offer on the Dallas Court property based on two appraisals that came in around 300,000. The owner wanted about \$650,000. He wanted to put 4 houses on the property. They are waiting for the owner to comeback with a price. The owner thought the town would put in a road but that is the responsibility of the owner. The Waackaack Creek property is still waiting on the Port Authority. Also discussed was the hunting and trapping in the Waackaack Creek area. This was a topic brought to the HEC by two concerned residents that have witnessed these acts. Deputy Mayor Kiley is looking into better rules regarding this. OSAC is still waiting to receive the money for the Pflager property. Com. Mazza – it has taken 10 years!

**Bayshore Regional Watershed Council –Com. Dente**

Com. Geer and Com. Dente attended the Clean Ocean Action rally in Asbury Park opposing the possible drilling in the Atlantic. About 200 people attended. Cory Booker, Sen. Menendez, Congressman Pallone also attended to encourage the public to sign petitions opposing drilling. It was good to see the Politian's on our side. Seining will dates coming up. Horseshoe crab tagging coming up.

**Recreation –**  
**No Update**

**Facebook update- Com. Bucci**

Com. Bucci will update the Facebook page with the 2016 Event Calendar. The 2016 meeting dates are posted. A picture of Annie Eng, who was recognized by the County for her work with the CRS Program that assists residents with a discount on flood insurance, was posted. Someone ( not sure of his name)via face book he would like to see more pictures of Natco Park. V. Chair. Lejda said his name is Mr. Sipe, he comes to visit every year and walks through the park.

**OLD BUSINESS:**



