



Com. Mann	X
Alt. 1 Pobega	X
Alt. 2 Eng	X

**Motion carried**

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2012**

OFFERED: 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Com. Bucci	X			
Chairman Geer	X			
Com. Dahlgren				X
Com. Lejda				X
Com. Pease				X
Com. Mann	X			
Alt. 1 Pobega				
Alt. 2 Eng				

**New Business:**

**Commissioners Goals for 2013**

Chairman Geer asked each commissioner what goals they would like to accomplish this year:

Com. Bucci stated that he would like to focus on FEMA, CRS, Flood plains. He believes these things saved money for the residents that were affected by Super Storm Sandy. Alt. Com. Pobega stated that the 10% discount thru CRS needs to be maintained. Alt. Com. Eng stated that we will be recertified this year if we have the credits needed. Alt. Com. Pobega stated that Nancy Pendle is the CRS representative for the town. He suggested asking her to attend our March 4, 2013 meeting. Com. Bucci said he would like to ask the HEC liaison if an engineering firm is involved. Alt. Com. Pobega stated that an engineering firm is getting paid to do what members of the HEC did for nothing. Com. Bucci added that he would like to see the HEC continue pushing the TWP Committee to acquire property for an formal entrance and parking lot for Natco Park.

Com. Mann would like to see more Open Space money.

Com. Pobega would like to re-institute the HEC newsletter by publishing once a year focusing on an event. He suggested having 3 commissioners to volunteer to write it up and also put the article into Hazlet Happenings.

Chairman Geer would like to focus on a few things and get something done in the 2 year window that we have.

Alt. Com. Eng would like to focus on getting information out to residents regarding FEMA flood maps. She would like to “bring the youth back” by reaching out to the Raritan high school environmental club and get them involved again. She would also like to look into more trail grants for the parks. Chairman Geer said he thought the 400K matching funds trail grant looked like it will be dropped. He is concerned about where the matching funds would come from (open space funds or general funds). Alt. Com. Pobega suggested we reach out to the Twp. Committee regarding this grant. He also would like to know the status of the Veterans Park grant.

### **Natco Remediation**

No members of the Twp. Committee were present to answer questions about the remediation progress. Chairman Geer stated that possible pending litigation was used as an excuse for not giving the HEC information. Hazlet resident, Bill Shewan, discussed information with the HEC that he has obtained: As of December 2012 there is no pending litigation. He stated that the purchase order stated clean fill but clean crushed concrete should not have been used due to the cancer causing dust it generated. He stated that the DEP has to know where the fill will be put after its removed and how it will be removed. He said the Township got approval for cleaning up Bart Pl and Helen Ln. only. The twp. Approved \$17,000 to remove the fill. The work would be done by twp. employees. The twp. through T & M engineers need to come up with a plan on how they are going to remove the fill and DEP must approve. Mr. Shewan requested that the HEC recommend how to remove the junk fill. Com. Bucci said we can only make the request and it ends there. It was suggested that the HEC follow up with the Township Committee to see how the fill will be removed. Chairman Geer stated that Natco Park is our (HEC) big responsibility and we were stonewalled throughout the whole thing.

### **Assessment of damage in Hazlet from storm Sandy (Possible developer purchase of damaged property)**

Chairman Geer asked if Hazlet had any major damage from the storm? Alt. Com. Pobega stated that we were lucky, the flood gates worked. There was some

damage in the West Keansburg section.

**Forward planning for storm damage: Hazard Mitigation Plan, use of Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFE) maps**

Alt. Com. Eng stated that FEMA customize an ordinance regarding new construction in the township. If the town passes the ordinance we will get CRS credits.

**Development plans for “Stone Road Meadows” (Flood prone area)**

Alt. Com. Pobega stated that the Bradlees store had the roof collapse. Now something must be done with the building. The farm area will be developed. Com. Bucci would like to see sidewalks all around the property. Alt. Com. Pobega stated that the HEC and Open Space should work together to get some open space on the property. Alt. Com. Eng stated that in the 2030 Visioning Plan the property should be mixed use. Com. Bucci would like to see something similar to Smithville, shops, cafes something nice for the people of Hazlet.

**Green infrastructure (Impact of impervious surfaces)**

**Clean up schedule**

**Tree plantings**

**Land Rally** – Alt. Com. Eng stated the Land Rally will be held on March 9, 2013 at NJIT College in Newark, NJ

**UPDATES: No updates**

**Natco Sub-Committee – Com. Lejda**

**Planning Board – Com Mann**

**Zoning Board –**

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

**Bayshore Regional Watershed Council –Chair. Geer**

**Recreation –**

**Hazlet Township website update –**

**Facebook update- Com. Bucci**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sustainable New Jersey - Green Team-** Chairman Geer stated that in order to be certified Hazlet needs to form a Green Team. Fran Donnelly dropped the project, she needed more points. Alt. Com. Pobega said the HEC was willing to help her but she never gave them the information to finish the project. Alt. Com. Eng stated that Sustainable NJ has a small grants program that we could use. Alt. Com. Pobega said we should pick a project from the 2030 Visioning Plan in order to get points to be certified. Com. Bucci said we should prioritize, and wait a few months on this project because we already have our hands full.

NJ DEP Recreational Trails Grant Program -

Eagle Scout Projects – No projects at this time

Hazlet Happenings/Holmdel/Hazlet Patch Blog –

**CALENDAR:**

**Spring Clean up**

**Peepers Walk**

**Earth Day**

**Hazlet Day**

**Fall Clean up**

**Holiday Tree Decoration**

**Will set dates at March 4, 2013 meeting**

**2013 Meeting dates:**

**Feb. 11, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 10, July 1, August 5, September 9, October 7, November 11, December 2, January 6, 2014-Reorganization Meeting**

**Citizen Hearing:**

Bill Shewan 20 Mason Dr, Hazlet – Mr. Shewan asked if it is true that if your property falls in the flood zone you must pay \$33,000 if you don't raise your house? Yes, if you are a repeat loss. (previous loss)

Mr. Shewan stated that the trails grant is going to cut 11 ft. wide trails in Natco Park. He suggests the HEC get a copy of the plans if they were revised. Mr. Shewan believes this should

