

**HAZLET ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2015
MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order at 8:09 p.m. by Chairman Cullen
Salute to the flag and moment of silent reflection**

CHAIRMAN’S STATEMENT: Read by Chairman Cullen

Roll Call:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Com. Bucci	X	
Chairman Cullen	X	
Com. Dente	X	
Com. Geer	X	
Com. Ledja	X	
Com. Mazza	X	
Com. Nicholl		X
Alt. 2 Paraskevas		X
Township Comm. Liaison Aagre	X	
Township Comm. Liaison Kiley	X	

New Business:

Appointments to the Environmental Commission

Reappointed Barbara Ledja, Commissioner New Appointments: Rosemary Mazza, Commissioner, Scott Nicholl, Commissioner

**Nominations for Chairperson: Christopher Cullen by Com. Dente
Rosemary Mazza by Com. Bucci – Rosemary declined the nomination**

Motion: To approve Christopher Cullen as Chairman

OFFERED: Com. Dente	2 nd : Com. Bucci			
Roll Call:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Com. Bucci	X			
Com. Cullen			X	
Com. Dente	X			
Com. Geer	X			
Com. Ledja	X			
Com. Mazza			X	
Com. Nicholl				X
Alt. 2 Paraskevas				X

Nomination for Vice Chairperson: Barbara Ledja by Com. Bucci

Motion: To approve Barbara Ledja as Vice Chairperson

OFFERED: Com. Bucci 2nd : Com. Dente

Roll Call:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Com. Bucci	X			
Com. Cullen	X			
Com. Dente	X			
Com. Geer	X			
Com. Ledja			X	
Com. Mazza			X	
Com. Nicholl				X
Alt. 2 Paraskevas				X

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 8, 2014

OFFERED: Com. Bucci 2nd: Com. Dente

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Com. Bucci	X			
Com. Cullen	X			
Com. Dente	X			
Com. Geer	X			
Com. Ledja	X			
Com. Mazza			X	
Com. Nicholl				X
Alt. 2 Paraskevas				X

2014 Meeting Dates:

January 5, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, * June8, July 6, Aug. 3, *Sept. 14, Oct. 5, *Nov. 9, Dec.7 **2016** - January 4, 2016, Reorg. Meeting *Second Monday of the Month **Please note change of meeting time for 2015: Starting with February 2, 2015, all HEC meetings will be held at 7:30PM.**

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Dates for 2015

OFFERED: Com. Dente		2 nd :	Com. Geer	
Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Com. Bucci	X			
Com. Cullen	X			
Com. Dente	X			
Com. Geer	X			
Com. Ledja	X			
Com. Mazza			X	
Com. Nicholl				X
Alt. 2 Paraskevas				X

Motion: To approve the change of meeting time to 7:30PM

OFFERED		2 nd :		
Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Com. Bucci				
Com. Cullen				
Com. Dente				
Com. Geer				
Com. Ledja				
Com. Mazza				
Com. Nicholl				
Alt. 2 Paraskevas				

Voice Vote: yes

Commissioner Contact List

The Secretary will update the list and e-mail it to commissioners

Renew membership and add new members to ANJAC list –

The Secretary will renew membership and make necessary changes list as soon as our budget is approved.

Goals for 2015-

Chair Cullen asked for suggestions for goals for the coming year:

Chair Cullen - would like to continue with the trail grant to add signage, clean up and mark trails. We wanted to partner with MAST to help us with signage for the park. Deputy Mayor Aagre – will check on the status of the county trail grant.

LNG meeting on January 8, 2015 at Eatontown Sheraton- Com. Geer

Open House – 4:30 – 5:30pm Meeting starts 6 -8pm

Com. Geer – there is another proposal for a LNG (liquid natural gas) port off of the coast of New Jersey. In the past Gov. Christie has vetoed the LNG project because there could be long term consequences. . There is a potential for accidents. We want to encourage him to veto this project again. There is a 99% chance the port would become an exporting port. This could lead to an increase in fracking and destruction of the environment. Com. Geer – we would like to get many people at this meeting from the areas environmental commissions. More information is available on the Clean Ocean Action website.

Motion: To approve endorsing the Statement of Opposition of LNG

OFFERED

2nd:

Roll Call:

Yes

No

Abstain

Absent

Com. Bucci

Com. Cullen

Com. Dente

Com. Geer

Com. Ledja

Com. Mazza

Com. Nicholl

Alt. 2 Paraskevas

Voice Vote: YES

Motion: To approve requesting the Hazlet Township Committee endorse the Statement of Opposition of LNG

OFFERED

2nd:

Roll Call:

Yes

No

Abstain

Absent

Com. Bucci
Com. Cullen
Com. Dente
Com. Geer
Com. Ledja
Com. Mazza
Com. Nicholl
Alt. 2 Paraskevas

Voice Vote: YES

CALENDAR:

Create a 2015 events calendar- Deferred to Feb. 2, 2015 meeting

Clean up @ Natco Park (Lakeside Entrance) Feb. Rain date –Feb. @ 10am

Peeper Walk –April -for details contact Barbara @732 264-8630

Earth Day-April - (behind Lillian Dr. School) Time-TBA

Clean up @ Stone Road May, Rain date May – 10am - meet at U.B. soccer fields

Spring Nature Walk in Natco Park - May

Memorial Day Service @ Veterans Park May - 10am

Hazlet Day @ Veterans Park - 11am

Clean up @ Stone Road Oct. Rain date Oct. 10am -Meet at U.B. soccer fields

Fall Nature Walk in Natco Park- behind The Gramercy (Lakeside) Nov. 10am

Holiday Tree Decoration in Natco Park- behind Lillian Dr. School

UPDATES:

Natco Sub-Committee –Com. Lejda, Com. Dente

Barbara reported that the Holiday Tree Decoration was on Dec 21, 2014. She was very happy with the turn out. Two boy scout troops and one girl scout troop attended along with several residents. Karen Rosanski brought hot cocoa. Com. Bucci stated that for at least 10 years the HEC has been trying to establish a formal entrance to Natco Park. V.Chair. Ledja said she would like to see if the HEC could have a new space for the children to have a place to create the Christmas decorations we use to put in Natco Park for Christmas and teach the children about the environment, etc.

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Land Use Board –

No Update

Open Space Advisory Council-Com. Bucci

Com. Bucci – we have been trying to get an entrance to Natco Park and a parking lot. We have Open Space money to acquire it.

Bayshore Regional Watershed Council –Com. Geer

Com. Geer - schedules for 2015 seining survey and horse shoe crab tagging were discussed. Also discussed was a list of properties to preserve. Com. Geer – we should try to get Stone Rd. Meadows on this list. There is a form to fill out and it can be sent to the County Open Space Committee. Com. Mazza asked Com. Geer to talk about what there Bayshore Water Shed Council is all about. Com. Geer – This group is led by Joe Reynolds. They are mainly involved with environmental issues and events. Com. Geer - They have many beach clean ups throughout the year. They also conduct seining surveys, horse shoe crab tagging, they build osprey nests. They are very concerned about the LNG project.

The Monmouth County Open space Plan is being revised. Com. Mazza – this is the time to pursue preserving this property. Com. Geer – we should write up a letter to the Monmouth County Open Space Committee with a list of reasons that Stone Rd. Meadows should be preserved. He stated this is the last piece of open space (farm) in Hazlet. It is home to many species of wildlife. Deputy Mayor Aagre asked if there is any documentation on this property. Com. Geer – yes the Autobahn Society has documentation on Stone Rd. Meadows. Chair. Cullen asked Com. Geer to write a letter for the HEC to send to the County. Deputy Mayor will look into the progress.

Recreation –

Hazlet Township website update –

Facebook update- V. Chair. Bucci

Com. Bucci will update the facebook page with meeting dates and change in meeting time to 7:30.

