

**HAZLET ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2016  
MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Com. Cullen  
Salute to the flag and moment of silent reflection**

**CHAIRMAN’S STATEMENT:** Read by Chairman Cullen

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<u>Present</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. 1 Casagrande	X	
Alt. 2 Kirchdoerffer		X
Township Comm. Liaison Aagre	X	
Township Comm. Liaison Kiley		X

**New Business:**

**Appointments to the Environmental Commission**

Reappointed: Gene Geer, Commissioner and Ron Dente, Commissioner  
New Appointment: Vincent Kirchdoerffer, Alternate Commissioner

**Nominations for Chairperson: Christopher Cullen by Com. Dente**

**Motion: To approve Christopher Cullen as Chairman for 2016**

<b>OFFERED:</b> Com. Dente	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Com. Geer			
<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Com. Bucci			X	
Com. Cullen			X	
Com. Dente	X			
Com. Geer	X			
Com. Ledja				X

Com. Mazza		X
Com. Nicholl		X
Alt. 1 Casagrande	X	
Alt. 2 Kirchdoerffer		X

**Nomination for Vice Chairperson: Barbara Ledja by Com. Bucci**

**Motion: To approve Barbara Ledja as Vice Chairperson for 2016**

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

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Com. Bucci	X			
Chair. Cullen	X			
Com. Dente	X			
Com. Geer	X			
Com. Ledja				X
Com. Mazza				X
Com. Nicholl				X
Alt. 1 Casagrande	X			
Alt. 2 Kirchdoerffer				X

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2015**

OFFERED: Com. Dente      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
Alt. 1 Casagrande	X			
Alt. 2 Kirchdoerffer				X

**2016 Meeting Dates:**

January 4, Feb. 1, March 7, April 4, May 2, \* June13, \*July 11 Aug. 1, \*Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov.21, Dec.5 **2017 - \*January 9, 2017, Reorg. Meeting \*Second Monday of the Month All HEC meetings will be held at 7:30PM.**

**Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Dates for 2016**

OFFERED: Com. Dente		2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Com. Bucci		
<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
Alt. 1 Casagrande	X				
Alt. 2 Kirchdoerffer					X

**Entrance to Natco Park update-**

Mayor Aagre –The Dallas Court appraisals were less than half of the owner’s price. The Township lawyer sent the owner a letter of offer. We are waiting for a response.

**Stone Road Meadows –Com. Geer**

The county Freeholders requested ideas for preserving this property. The Freeholders asked for a list of ideas. Com. Geer received many ideas including:

Trails made of light gravel with trash cans

A parking lot along the peripheral

Picnic areas with tables, benches and small fire pits

Shrubs along the Rte. 36 areas

Sidewalks all the way around

Gazebos

Com. Bucci – concerned for a waterway that used to run under Rt. 36 from Flat Creek over to Poole Ave all along the side of the Bradlees parking lot, this would have separated the old Bradlees site from Stone Rd. Meadows and contained frogs, large turtles and other wildlife.

**CALENDAR:**

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

Clean up @ Natco Park (Lakeside Entrance) Date TBA

Peeper Walk –April - TBA

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

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

Spring Nature Walk in Natco Park – May TBA

Memorial Day Service @ Veterans Park May - 10am

Hazlet Day @ Veterans Park - 11am

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

Fall Nature Walk in Natco Park- behind The Gramercy (Lakeside TBA

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

**UPDATES:**

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

V. Chair. Lejda was absent but she reported through the HEC secretary that the Holiday Tree Decoration was on Dec 20, 2015 was a great success with approximately 30 people attending. She was very happy with the turnout of scout groups and other citizens to make the decorations on Dec. 11, 2015.

Approximately 40 people attended over the 3:30-8 pm scheduled time. Karen Rosanski brought hot cocoa. 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.

Com. Dente- Asked the HEC for permission to use the wood of fallen trees from Super Storm Sandy to build Osprey Nests. The nests will be put up in the Park. Only dead trees that are on the ground will be used. No one opposed.

**Land Use Board – Com. Nicholl**

No Update

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

Com. Bucci – Waackaack Creek – we are still waiting for the funds. The hold up is a change of personnel at Port Authority of NY/NJ. Mayor Aagre said he would get an update for Com. Bucci.

At December 4, 2015 meeting two citizens attended and discussed a citizen illegally hunting in the Waackaack Creek area. Com. Bucci asked Mayor Aagre to talk to the police regarding this matter.

## **Bayshore Regional Watershed Council –Com. Geer**

Com. Geer –Horseshoe crab monitoring dates: April 21st, May 6th and 21st, June 5<sup>th</sup> and 20th. The Bay keepers are having a problem with the Oyster restoration program. Clean up dates is TBA. 220 acres in Aberdeen has been dedicated as a park.

## **Recreation –**

### **Facebook update- Com. Bucci**

Com. Bucci will update the Facebook page with the 2016 meeting dates and will post the 2016 events calendar after the dates are chosen at the next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

FYI:

### **2014 Budget**

ANJAC dues – \$360.00

Earth Day – \$220.00

Memorial Day - \$30.00

Hazlet Day – \$705.00

Holiday Tree Decoration-\$203.00

Secretary salary -\$1200.00

**Total for 2014: \$2,718.00**

### **2015 Budget**

ANJAC dues – \$360.00

Earth Day/Memorial Day – \$165.00

Hazlet Day – \$748.00

Holiday Tree Decoration-\$152.00

Secretary Salary- \$1200.00

**Total for 2015: \$2,625.00**

### **2016 Budget**

ANJAC dues –

Earth Day/Memorial Day –

Hazlet Day –

Holiday Tree Decoration-

Secretary Salary- \$1200.00

**Total for 2016:**

