

property and for future use for school parking. Com. Bucci said the plan right now is to buy the property and offer some of the property to the Board of Ed and reserve the rest for Natco Park/HEC purposes. Com. Geer asked if Open Space funds can be used. Com. Bucci said he believes it can. The only question is the shared portion of the property. I don't think that can be included when we seek the Open Space matching funds. We have to be careful and we must know exactly what the property is being used for.

November Nature Walk and clean up

November 14th at 10am behind the Gramercy

Com. Bucci said he would like to come, V. Chair. Lejda left word that she could make it. Com. Geer asked if the walk was advertised. Com. Bucci said he would put it up on Facebook.

LNG PORT- Com. Geer

Com. Geer attended the court hearings in Eatontown. They want to put a huge port off Long Island and New Jersey to carry Liquid Natural Gas through the ocean.

Possible negative impact on the environment:

- Damaging the environment
- Increase our cost for gas
- Pipeline will rip up the ocean floor
- Affect the commercial fishing area
- Increase fracking
- Disturb wildlife

Who is financing this project?

Com. Geer distributed a form for public comments that can be sent to the US Department of Transportation in Washington DC.

Governor Christie vetoed this a few years ago. The public can sent him an electronic message to his website to ask him to continue fighting against LNG.

Holiday Party- after December Meeting

MOTION: To approve \$100.00 to V. Chair Lejda for Holiday Party supplies and Holiday Tree decoration.

OFFERED: Com. Mazza

2nd: Chair. Cullen

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Com. Bucci				
Chair. Cullen				
Com. Dente				

Com. Geer
V. Chair. Lejda
Com. Mazza
Com. Nicholl
Alt. 1 Casagrande
Alt. 2 Paraskevas

Voice Vote: Yes

CALENDAR:

Clean up at Natco Park (behind the Gramarcy) date TBD. Combine with the Fall Nature Walk in Natco Park- behind the Gramercy (Lakeside) Nov. 14-10am
Holiday Tree Decoration in Natco Park-Dec. 20 @ 2pm-rain date 12/27 behind Lillian Dr. School

UPDATES:

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

Com. Dente- A guy that attended the last meeting is looking to raise funds to purchase an underwater drone to try to see what is in Natco Park. Com. Mazza said Natco Park has never been mapped. Com. Geer said a depth finder would do the job. Com. Dente said the Hazlet side is only about 15 feet.

Land Use Board – Com. Nicholl

Com. Nicholl said CVS wants to move to a new location to accommodate a drive through Pharmacy. Traffic is a concern. There are many other empty buildings with more space. Chickfila restaurant is going by Costco.

Open Space Advisory Council-Com. Bucci

Com. Bucci – Waackwaack Creek -The Port Authority has not set a closing date. The contractor needed another revision with additional signatures that was done yesterday. The port authority also has to put their funding together. We have not been reimbursed for the purchase of the Plager property.

Bayshore Regional Watershed Council –Com. Geer

Com. Dente – a bill coming up for oyster restoration. The clams keep the bay clean. NJ Baykeepers want to bring them back to the bay. The concern is people getting sick from the clams or poachers. Com. Dente said he is trying to contact the towns that surround the bay and speak to their Environmental Commissions to

Citizen Hearing:

Bill Shewan- said it is legal to take clams from the Navesink River. You have to take them to Belford to clean them. DEP stopped the clamming because they were afraid it would ruin the restaurant business.

LNG- In the past there were 3 companies that want 3 islands, 40 acre islands, 60 acres under the ocean. The Sierra Club is against it.

Mr. Shewan agreed with Com. Bucci that the “changing of the guard” every year means the change of professionals also. He would like to have a new government where the citizens vote for the Mayor.

Dallas Ct. appraisals- did we get 1 appraisal? Com. Bucci said that was not stated in the email from Comm. Kiley.

Resolution – Mr. Shewan said the resolution to preserve Stone Rd. Meadows that was written by Com. Geer was key in getting Keyport and Union Beach to pass this resolution. He noted that Com. Geers ‘great detail of reasons was key to the successes. Keansburg will be passing this soon.

Motion to close citizens hearing:

Offered – Com. Bucci 2nd- Com. Dente

Voice Vote: Yes

Motion to Adjourn:

Offered – Com. Dente 2nd – Com. Nichol

Voice Vote: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm

Next Meeting: December 7, 2015 – 7:30PM
Holiday Party immediately following meeting