

**HAZLET ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2013
MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order at 8:06 p.m. by Chair. Geer
Salute to the flag and moment of silent reflection**

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT: Read by Chairman Geer

Roll Call:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Com. Bucci	X	
Chairman Geer	X	
Com. Dahlgren		X
Vice Chair. Lejda	X	
Com. Pease	X	
Com. Mann	X	
Alt. 1 Pobega	X	
Alt. 2 Eng		X(arrived late)
Township Comm. Liaison DiNardo	X	
Township Comm. Liaison Belasco		X

New Business:

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2012

OFFERED: 2nd:

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

Recommendations for projects in 2013

Com. Pease stated that she would like to see a formal entrance to Natco Park. Com. Pobega stated that we(Hazlet) own 2 lots that could be used for an entrance and parking lot. He said

Com. Eng has a sketch of a proposal for this property.

Chair Geer asked if there anyone had any other environmental projects that need attention. Com. Bucci said that the Poole Ave & Rt 36 jug handle and Stone Rd. areas are in need of cleaning. He stated that these properties have the HEC name on them and we should maintain them.

Alt. Com. Pobega said he would like to bring back the HEC newsletter. He would also like to have at least one Road Show. He stated that they were very popular in the past and there are several topics that are hot right now.

Chair. Geer would like to see the town move toward alternate energy sources such as solar panels. Comm. DiNardo stated that Hazlet has already started discussing LED street lights, etc.

UPDATES: No updates

Natco Sub-Committee – V. Chair. Lejda, Com. Pease

V Chair Lejda stated that on Saturday, Feb. 23 there was a clean up in Natco Pk. Approximately 50 people attended. She was very happy with the turnout.. V. Chair Lejda asked if she could nominate Com. Pease as a co-chair on the Natco sub-committee.

Planning Board – Com Mann

Com. Mann was absent. Alt. Com. Pobega stated that the only item on the agenda for the next meeting is Elegant Properties. They are proposing 48 townhomes on the property. Thursday, March 7, 2013 is the next meeting.

Zoning Board –

Open Space Advisory Council- Com. Bucci

Com. Bucci said the last meeting topics were property at 1. 377 Middle Rd. He stated that this property is not appropriate for an entrance to Natco Pk. due to the gas station next to the property. 2. 387 Middle Rd., a property that was recently taken off the market. 3. Captains Cove is on hold because Dennis Dayback, the engineer is on vacation. Comm. DiNardo stated that the engineering firm of T & M has already been paid for this job and they need to finish it out. He said the County Freeholders will be meeting at Hazlet Township Town Hall for their May meeting. The meeting is the 4th Thursday of the month. Com. Bucci suggested we use that opportunity to push for changes. The trust fund balance is \$972,000.

Bayshore Regional Watershed Council –Chair. Geer

Chair. Geer stated that Joe Reynolds has published several articles about the flooding caused by Super Storm Sandy. Seining dates will be in June and September. He will bring the dates for crab tagging to the next meeting.

Recreation –

Hazlet Township website update –

Comm. DiNardo stated that the Twp Committee is meeting with Dennis Pinto, Temporary Business Administrator, regarding bringing the township website up-to-date. The website needs a better look, to be user friendly, and easier to navigate. Chair Geer stated that the Committee should be more accessible

Facebook update- Com. Bucci

Com. Bucci has up dated the HEC meeting dates.

OLD BUSINESS:

Natco Remediation

Questions asked were 1. Who gave the “green light” for this (junk fill used)? 2. Where will the fill go once it is removed from Natco Park? 3. Did Hazlet have to pay any penalties and were there any law suits? Comm. DiNardo stated that they are waiting for the State to let them know where the fill will go. He also stated that there were no penalties and no lawsuits. Com. Bucci asked if we could plant trees in the remediated area on Earth Day. He was told that it will be a long time, possibly next spring before that can be done. Comm. DiNardo said we need to get Natco back to the way it was. Chair Geer stated he called the State to get information regarding the remediation. His message was not returned.

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

Alt. Com. Pobega stated that we should compare the old and new maps. Com. Bucci asked if part of the Stone Rd Meadows property is on the new map? He said it is a very wet area.

Status of development plans for “Stone Road Meadows” (Flood prone area)

Chair Geer stated he would like to save Stone Rd property from developers. Alt. Com. Pobega said the property value is too high for the town to purchase. It is estimated at 13/14 million or more. Comm. DiNardo stated that the roof caved in on the old Bradlees building, it is not safe so now something must be done.

Sustainable New Jersey - Green Team-

Chair Geer stated that we should bi-pass this project because it will be a lot of work. Com. Bucci asked if anyone had contacted Fran Donnelly. No one responded that they had.

NJ DEP Recreational Trails Grant Program -

Alt. Com. Eng stated she received an e mail from NJ DEP Green Acres regarding National Trail Day on June 1, 2013. Also discussed is the Recreational Trail Grant. Volunteers can work for a day to match this grant.

Hazlet Happenings/Holmdel/Hazlet Patch Blog –

Comm. DiNardo stated that the township would like to bring back mailing the Hazlet Happenings newsletter to residents. Currently it is only on line.

FEMA –

HEC discussed a CRS subcommittee to maintain the town’s discount. Hazlet currently has a 10% discount. If we do nothing we will lose the discount. Alt. Com. Eng suggested adopting a new ordinance accepting the new flood elevations (for rebuild). This will get Hazlet 400 CRS

points.

Earth Day-

V. C. Ledja and Com Pease would like to run the program for Earth Day. Ordering trees was discussed. Alt. Com. Pobega suggested buying bigger trees so that they have a better chance of surviving. Other items will be ordered from a catalog.

MOTION: To approve a budget of \$500.00 for Earth Day supplies

OFFERED: Alt. Com. Pobega

2nd: Com. Bucci

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Com. Bucci				
Chairman Geer				
Com. Dahlgren				
Vice Chair. Lejda				
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Alt. 2 Eng				

Voice Vote: yes

CALENDAR:

Spring Clean up- May 12/raindate May19 Poole Ave & Rt 36 10am

Peepers Walk -April 20/raindate April 21 Natco Pk.(behind Lillian Dr. School)

**Earth Day-April 14/raindate April 28 Natco Pk.(behind Lillian Dr. School)
11am**

Hazlet Day-Oct. 5/raindate Oct. 6 Veterans park set up @ 9am

Fall Clean up-TBA

**Holiday Tree Decoration-Dec. 14/raindate Dec. 15 Natco Pk. (behind Lillian
Dr. School) 2pm**

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**

Budget:

ANJAC Dues: \$350.00

Citizen Hearing:

No citizens spoke

Motion to close citizens hearing:

Offered - Com. Pease 2nd- Chairman Geer

Voice Vote: Yes

Motion to Adjourn:

Offered – Com. Pease 2nd – Alt. Com. Pobega

Voice Vote: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 9:32pm

Next Meeting: April 1, 2013 – 8PM