

**HAZLET ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**February 1, 2021**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting called to order**

**Salute to the Flag and moment of silent reflection**

**CHAIRMAN’S STATEMENT:** Read by Commissioner Dente

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Present	Absent
Chairman Dente	X	
Com. Geer	X	
Com. Ledja		X
Com. Eng	X	
Com. Isenburg	X	
Com. Friesendorf	X	
Com. Pobega	X	
Alt#1 Pallitto	X	
Alt#2 Lipel	X	
Township Committee Representative, Mayor Tara Clark	X	
Township Committee Representative, James “Skip” McKay		X
Public Information Officer Christina Johnson	X	

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from January 11th, 2021**

<b>OFFERED: Chairman Dente</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>: Com. Isenburg</b>		
	YES	Abstain	Absent
Chairman Dente	X		
Com. Geer	X		
Com. Ledja			X
Com. Eng	X		
Com. Isenburg	X		
Com. Freisendorf	X		
Com. Pobega		X	
Alt#1 Pallitto	X		
Alt#2 Lipel	X		

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mission Statement**

The Hazlet Environmental Commission has a responsibility to build a prosperous, sustainable future for ourselves and future generations. We advocate for the environmental protection of land, water and air quality, plant and animal habitats, and the preservation of open space. We strive to educate members of the community on the effects of climate change and on ways we can protect the environment to improve our town’s quality of life. We sponsor

environmentally friendly projects and programs to provide opportunities for community participation and we research current environmental issues to promote environmental initiatives. We believe in doing, not just talking, and in behavior aligned with our beliefs.

**MOTION: To approve the new HEC Mission Statement**

**OFFERED: Com. Isenburg**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Com. Eng**

	YES	Abstain	Absent
Chairman Dente	X		
Com. Geer	X		
Com. Ledja			X
Com. Eng	X		
Com. Isenburg	X		
Com. Freisendorf	X		
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**Gas Regulator Update**

- NJNG filed for a 120-day extension
- Mayor Clark and Com. Pobega will see if there are any legal ramifications for the HEC to post a petition
- The informative flyer will be touched up and sent out this month

**Bayshore Watershed Council Update**

- There will be two horseshoe crab monitoring dates in May and June. If anyone is interested in participating sign up here <https://www.savecoastalwildlife.org/horseshoe-crab-monitoring>
- There will be a joint Natco Park clean-up with the Bayshore Watershed Council and Hazlets’s Clean Communities Program. It is scheduled for March 13th at 10 A.M. at the Gramercy.
- Chairman Dente will ask the BWC if an online form should be used for participants to sign up to ensure safety and social distancing measures.

**Free Tree / Earth Day Celebration Event**

- The Free Tree event is scheduled for April 24th at 11 A.M. It will be a drive-through social-distanced event, and citizens will fill out an online form to select which trees they want.
- Sustainable NJ provided Hazlet with 2000 energy-efficient LED light bulbs that can be given away at this event
- At 10 A.M., the HEC will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for our town’s new Natco Building. The Building will be complete during the first week of April.
- HEC will brainstorm more items to give to citizens at our event, including the flyer about the NJNG Gas Regulator.

**Open Space**

- Com. Geer has asked the Township for an accounting of how Open Space tax money has been spent.

**ANJEC and grants**

- ANJEC grant for \$1500 deadline is in March - HEC will apply
- HEC will brainstorm ways to use the grant money for education purchases in the new building
- HEC will invite ANJEC members to the Environmental Building ribbon-cutting event.

Facebook page

- HEC brought up reinvigorating the Facebook page to help connect the community with HEC events
- Secretary Hanna Walker offered to create and be an administrator on the page. Christina Johnson offered to help set up the page after the meeting.

Sub-committees

- HEC will look at what sub-committees are needed to achieve goals, and appoint leaders and members for next month.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No Old Business was discussed

**Motion to close Old Business**

Offered - Com. Pobega 2nd- Com. Friesendorf

**Voice Vote: YES**

**CITIZENS HEARING:**

- Rosemary Mazza spoke asking to clarify the dates planned for the Natco Park cleanup and Free Tree / Earth Day event.

**Motion to close citizens hearing:**

Offered – Com. Pobega 2<sup>nd</sup>- Com. Friesendorf

**Voice Vote: YES**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Offered– Com. Pobega 2<sup>nd</sup> – Com. Eng

**Voice Vote: YES**

**Meeting adjourned**

**Next Meeting:** – March 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.