

Holland Township Environmental Commission Minutes

November 4, 2014 – 7 pm Meeting

Chairman Keady called the meeting to order. He read the notice satisfying the Open Public Meeting Act. All stood for the pledge of allegiance. All were reminded to turn off their cell phones or put them in silent mode.

Members Present: Jerry Bowers, Henry Gore, Ted Harwick, Chairman Michael Keady, Dwight Pederson, Richard Schrack, Robert Thurgarland, and Secretary Maria Elena Jennette Kozak.

Absent: n/a

Township Committee Liaison Present: Ray Krov

Let the record show we have a quorum.

Minutes: A motion was made by Jerry Bowers and seconded by Richard Schrack to approve the minutes of October 1, 2014. Motion carried.

PennEast Pipeline –proposed natural gas line in Holland Township – a self-created sub-committee consisting of Mike Keady, Jerry Bowers and Richard Schrack helped to create a proposed resolution against the proposed pipeline. Liaison Krov thanked them for their involvement and stated that the Township Committee was very appreciative. The resolution was fact based. The objectives were fact based and targeted what affects Holland Township. Holland Township is a hybrid as it also involves the Highlands. Attorney Cushing did a follow up letter that also illustrated the concerns that Holland Township has with the proposed natural gas line. When PennEast sends additional information it will be distributed. Communication was established. The resolution also concluded with Holland Township suggesting that they need to reconsider a different route.

Additional discussion took place. Some opinions expressed on Holland having to do more and be more proactive.

On November 13th there will be an Open House at South Hunterdon Regional High. This is not a meeting but a series of one on one discussions. FERC will also do a series of scoping meetings at a future date. Another resident Tony Rizzillo worked with Mike Keady on a Q & A piece. Mr. Rizzillo also prepared a document on how to register with FREC.

Chairman Keady is trying to work with the Sierra Club to host an education seminar. More information to follow.

Sub-Committees:

Stormwater Education – Mike Keady, Ted Harwick and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak as Secretary Kozak. Secretary Kozak to send an update.

Trails – Ted Harwick (chair), Robert Thurgarland and Richard Schrack. There are grant opportunities. This was tabled for future discussion,

Web Page – Jerry Bowers, Dwight Pederson, and Rick Schrack – the links are up. Nothing to report. No new web design firm has been hired for enhancement of the Holland Township website.

Highlands Conformance – Jerry Bowers (chair), Mike Keady and Henry Gore. A meeting took place with the Highlands Council staff and it was productive. Margaret Nordstrom was present. The chief planner Judy Thornton was also there. The questions were submitted to the council and responses were given. Everything about the meeting was positive. Now the suggestions can be incorporated. The sub-committee will meet and decide how they are moving forward. Chairman Keady to reach out to Chairman LaFevre of the Agricultural

Committee to work on that aspect of the Highlands Council Land Use Ordinance. The sub-committee will see if a Highlands Council representative can attend our public hearing once the document is ready for presentation. More information to follow..

Shade Tree and Community Forestry Plan Sub-Committee – Henry Gore, Robert Thurgarland, Dwight Pederson and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak as secretary. The Township Committee approved sending the document to the DEP. Secretary Kozak will contact Mr. McCartney for procedures.

Public Comment: There was no one present in the audience for comment.

Proposed 2015 schedule submitted:

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2015 Meetings

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Environmental Commission, Township of Holland, County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, will hold their regular meetings on the following dates in 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Holland Township Municipal Building, 61 Church Road, Milford, NJ. Meetings are open to the public.

Meeting Dates

January 7, 2015 (Reorganization Meeting)

February 4, 2015

March 4, 2015

April 1, 2015

May 6, 2015

June 2, 2015 *** (Tuesday)

July 2, 2015

August 5, 2015

September 2, 2015

October 7, 2015

November 3, 2015 *** (Tuesday)

December 2, 2015

January 6, 2016 (Reorganization Meeting)

After some discussion the schedule submitted was accepted. Secretary Kozak will forward to Clerk Miller for publication.

At 8:50 Jerry Bowers made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

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