

Holland Township Environmental Commission Minutes

December 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, Chairman Michael Keady, Dwight Pederson, Richard Schrack, and Secretary Maria Elena Jennette Kozak.

Absent: Ted Harwick and Robert Thurgarland

Township Committee Liaison Present: Ray Krov

Let the record show we have a quorum.

Minutes: After reading the minutes, a motion was made by Jerry Bowers and seconded by Richard Schrack to approve the minutes of November 4, 2014. Motion carried.

Chairman Keady announced the Birthday of Secretary Kozak and that there would be cake after the meeting. Secretary Kozak thanked everyone for the well wishes and thoughtfulness.

PennEast Pipeline –Continued discussion of the proposed PennEast natural gas line through Holland Township. Report of the November 13th Open House at South Hunterdon Regional High – Chairman Keady attended with another resident. It was his opinion that the Open House was inferior in comparison to the meeting held by the Holland Township Committee. One large meeting was more helpful than individual conversations. It was harder to hear them at the individual tables. The meeting was crowded. It just was just not as helpful.

Chairman Keady reported that there is a Environmental group at Del Val and they are looking to work with the Sierra Club to host an education seminar at the High School. The goal is for January 2015. Suggested dates include the 13th or 15th. It will be to let people know what to do as land owners. More information to follow.

Chairman Keady has also spoken with Highlands Council liaison Keri Benscoter who advised him that the Highlands Council has been working with the DEP and is to be included in the process when permits are sought. There is always a portion open for Public Comment during the DEP application process. As a reminder, the Holland Township Committee has requested to be an intervener. The Environmental Commission is advisory and after some discussion, many members expressed the opinion that this matter needs to be left at the Township Committee level for the time being. Holland Township has received praise for the resolution that was created and it is the belief that that resolution really made the case. Member Gore did ask who owns the rights of preserved property and was advised that the SADC and the CADC are investigating. Member Bowers offered that he saw in an email that the easement holder is entitled along with the property owner but more information will follow in the future.

Curtis Specialty Papers – Milford NJ – superfund site (the old paper plant). Member Gore was asked to explain the letter that is circulating from the Milford Mayor regarding the possible removal of materials from this superfund location. Mr. Gore worked at the plant and has been attending many of the past meetings regarding this location. Mr. Gore expressed his opinion that there are no hazardous materials nor are there any reports on file. The Milford Mayor has expressed concerns on the removal of the building in reference to a way to recover the taxes that have been lost over the years. Is there a way for Milford to get taxes back on the books for that property? The mayor was in favor of keeping the building in a way to recoup the tax. The next discussion takes place if the need is for the building to be destroyed. How to remove the debris is the question since the property is near the river and located in a flood zone. Member Bowers believes the fire companies will also need to be involved. Trucking plans would need to be discussed and everyone would need to be aware of what was going on and when. A suggestion was that the Holland Township Committee designates a

representative to attend the meetings that involve this project. A motion was made by Mike Keady and seconded by Jerry Bowers to have Liaison Krov discuss with the Township Committee the Environmental Commissions recommendation to have Henry Gore as the Holland Township representative or to act as part of a delegation for this project since he is interested in this project and has a good knowledge of this project since having worked there. All were in favor of this. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2015.

Sub-Committees:

Stormwater Education – Mike Keady, Ted Harwick and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak as Secretary Kozak. Secretary Kozak distributed a memo showing the 2014.

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TO: Chairman Mike Keady
FROM: Maria Elena Jennette Kozak
Environmental Commission Secretary
DATE: December 3, 2014
RE: 2014 Tier B Municipal Stormwater General Permit Points

Annual Points needed: 10 Total Points 13 for 2014

- Web postings - 1 point
 - Please look at the web site. Some information is available on the home page of the web site as suggested by the past township engineer. If anyone has suggestions please let us know so we can work with our web administrator Melissa Tigar.
- Created Committee (CSAC) - 2 points
 - 2013 Members: Ted Harwick, Michael Keady, and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak (as secretary)
- Stormwater Display - 2 points
 - Community Day - September 7, 2014 - the Stormwater education fishing project was used. This was the same as last year. The “Don’t Pollute Stream” bracelet was used as the promo for the kids who participated.
 - Display at Municipal Building -
 - Posters obtained by State (like TIP cards)
 - Mounted in Black frames
 - Displayed on the lower level of the building
- Partnership Agreement/Local Event - 3 points
 - A cleanup of the River Musconetcong Watershed Association 04-12-14- see PO #13593 for details. 42 bags of recycling collected during clean up. 42 tires and 194 bags of trash. Also several truck loads of larger animals.
 - Road clean ups. All approved by Al Turdo - Boy Scout Troop #187 - Shire Road, Adamic Hill and Bellis O October 19, 2014 - Del Val Junior Lacrosse - Church to Shire Road to Adamic Hill August 16 2014 - Riegel Ridge Rams Youth Adamic/Anderson Rd billed September 23 2014.
- Mass mailing - 3 points
 - The stormwater information sheet will be mailed with the 2014 recycling /dumpster cards package distributed to residents in December.
- Stormwater message on distribution to Holland Township School - 2 points
 - cost comes out of grant money!
 - Had pen/highlighter created with “Don’t Pollute Streams” on it.
 - Delivered to the school 12-03-14

Secretary Kozak has been in contact with the people in charge of the Stormwater Education points program. Revisions are in the works and information will be sent to the municipalities explaining changes. It was suggested that we start keeping better accounting of the programs in the form of pictures. Some board members stated that they had some pictures and would forward them to Secretary Kozak for the file. From now on, more pictures will be taken of the events for the file. Secretary Kozak will submit the memo (an updated memo showing support of each category) to Engineer Roseberry as the Engineer files the End of Year report for Holland Township.

Trails – Ted Harwick (chair), Robert Thurgarland and Richard Schrack. As stated, there are opportunities for grants. ANJEC is to post something in January of 2015. The subcommittee will review and report back. Member Bowers reinstated his opinion that the subcommittee should look at a college student, maybe a partnership with Centenary, Lehigh or Lafayette. It could be an academic credit and/or a stipend not to exceed the grant amount of \$1500.00. Member Gore also stated that Rutgers has a program that can be explored. The subcommittee will look into options.

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 and the subcommittee stated that progress is being made toward the final version of the Highlands Land Use Ordinance that will be adopted by the Township Committee. In discussion of the map, chairman Keady does support the Engineer working on that task as it makes more sense. Chairman Keady has information ready for Agricultural Committee Chairman LaFevre. The section discussion scenic can be postponed. Chairman Keady will speak with Planner Mueller about the annotated version of the submitted Land Use Ordinance approved in 2011. Mr. Mueller should be able to tweak this.

Shade Tree and Community Forestry Plan Sub-Committee – Henry Gore, Robert Thurgarland, Dwight Pederson and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak as secretary. Mr. McCartney from the DEP has stated that they have our approved plan. They are reviewing the plan and will send the review to us. Once Secretary Kozak receives the review she will forward it to the members. As an FYI, Planner McKenzie has core training and Holland Township can use her for the employee but that will be determined by the Township Committee. After additional discussion, it was suggested that member Gore be trained as the volunteer. The program will start in January of 2015. 8 CEU's will be needed for training and ANJEC meetings are covered in that. In February of 2016 an annual report will need to be done. Mr. McCartney mentioned that he is working on a grant for tree planting. Member Gore will investigate and report back. April 24th is the date scheduled for Arbor Day.

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

At 7:55 Jerry Bowers made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Elena Jennette Kozak

Environmental Commission Secretary