

**HARDING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M. – MUNICIPAL BUILDING
February 3, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Harding Township, NJ Environmental Commission (EC) was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mr. Symonds, Chairman. The following statement was read: "This regularly scheduled meeting of the Harding Township Environmental Commission is held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice was given in announcements sent to the *Observer Tribune* and the *Daily Record*, filed with the Township Clerk and posted on various bulletin boards".

ROLL CALL

On a call of the roll, the following were present:

Members Present:	Hugh Symonds, Chair James Novotny, Vice Chair Brenda Catalanello Richard Clew Alf Newlin William Seifert Lisa Welsh
Excused:	Kate Barry
Absent:	Christina Juliano
Also Present:	George Byrnes, Commission Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Clew made a motion to approve the revised minutes of the January 6, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Novotny. On a voice vote, all eligible voters were in favor and the minutes were approved.

PROJECTS – MAJOR

Calendar of Events

Mr. Symonds stated that Mary Anne Borge of "The Natural Web" had agreed to give a presentation of May 19, 2021. The commissioners agreed that the talk should be about plant ecology. Mr. Newlin made a motion to approve the fee for her presentation for up to \$150 which was seconded by Mr. Novotny. A roll call was made, and all were in favor.

Community Outreach and Engagement

Mr. Symonds shared with the commissioners documents for the Spring Roadside Cleanup along with the best way to share the event with as many people and groups as possible.

Mr. Clew went over the tree giveaway to be conducted at the same times as the roadside cleanup. Mr. Novotny asked if some of the trees could be reserved for the Harding Township School planting program, which was agreed upon.

LIAISON REPORTS

BOA – Mr. Symonds reported that the cell tower application is still continuing and that there was a variance application for an apartment in a barn on Tempe Wick Road.

Planning Board – Mr. Clew reported that there was a tribute to David Dietz. Mr. Clew stated that he has been made the Chair of the Board. Mr. Clew that stated that the stormwater management standards are be updated and that the Open Public Space and Rec Plan had been adopted into the Master Plan.

HOST – Mr. Novotny stated that the reorganization occurred and then most of the discussion revolved around the diversion meeting with the Township Committee.

Shade Tree – Mr. Novotny stated that there was no meeting.

Township Committee – No members from the Township Committee were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Clew opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments on items not included on the agenda. There being no further comments, the public session was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 7:30PM by Zoom Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

George Byrnes

George Byrnes, Secretary
Harding Township Environmental Commission