

**HARDING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M. – MUNICIPAL BUILDING
April 7, 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 Kate Barry Brenda Catalanello Richard Clew Lisa Welsh
Excused:	Alf Newlin William Seifert
Absent:	Christina Juliano
Also Present:	George Byrnes, Commission Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Clew made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Catalanello. On a voice vote, all eligible voters were in favor and the minutes were approved.

PROJECTS – MAJOR

Community Outreach and Engagement

Mr. Symonds stated that for the Spring Roadside Cleanup is scheduled for April 24 and he is working with the DPW for setup and cleanup. Mr. Clew stated that the trees will be ready to be picked up on the 23rd and that he has people from the Land Trust to help with moving the trees. Mr. Clew also stated that he is planning to have a QR code for information on the different trees.

Mr. Symonds stated that the Great Swamp Watershed Association is having a native plant/pollinator sale and has offered to have the EC work with them.

Mr. Novotny asked the length of time that trees could be stored before needing to be planted. The school wants a tree for every student, but Mr. Novotny feels that would be too many trees and take up too much space. It would be better to share trees between students.

The Natural Web Presentation

Mr. Symonds stated that we are just finalizing paperwork to have Ms. Mary Anne Borge present on May 19.

Knotweed

Mr. Clew stated that it could be possible to have Mike Horne from the Great Swamp Wildlife Refuge talk at the May EC meeting with regards to the control and eradication of Japanese Knotweed.

Rolling Knolls

Ms. Barry sent out an agenda for the upcoming Rolling Knolls Community Advisory Group's meeting and then presented the minutes from the previous meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS

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

Planning Board – Mr. Clew reported that the PB sent zoning ordinances on to the Township Committee.

HOST – Mr. Novotny stated that HOST discussed the fertilizing of Margetts Field. Mr. Novotny said that they are still looking at possible properties to purchase and how to connect existing properties together.

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

Township Committee – No members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Symonds 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, May 5, 2021 at 7:30PM by Zoom Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

George Byrnes

George Byrnes, Secretary
Harding Township Environmental Commission