

## HADDON HEIGHTS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING – MAY 21, 2014

Acting Chair Marshall Hatfield called the May Business Meeting of the Haddon Heights Environmental Commission (“HHEC”) to order at 7:05 PM.

Present: Marshall Hatfield Bill Raftery Stephen Berryhill John Babcock  
Note: Kevin Murphy advised Marshall of a meeting conflict.

### **REORGANIZATION:**

Roni Olizi has officially resigned as Chair of the HHEC. We understand that we, the HHEC, need to make a recommendation to the Mayor for her replacement. In the interim, Marshall as Vice-Chair will act in her stead. No specific candidates were discussed.

We do not have a Secretary to take and distribute Meeting Minutes as well as agendas for each month’s meeting. Steve and Marshall will work with the Mayor’s office and Council to see if there is someone to take on this role. In the interim, John Babcock volunteered to take the meeting minutes and will discuss agenda duty with Marshall.

We need to replace one member at this time and a second may be needed once we confirm whether another member, Chris Davis, has moved out of town. We should have at least three candidates for each new member. As David Steinberg has already been interviewed and vetted as a prospective Commission seat, two more are needed. Marshall has spoken with David Cox, and Steve said he thought Arika Trebose would be a good candidate. They will contact these people to verify they would be interested in the position.

### **By-Laws:**

The HHEC does not have any by-laws and this should be an objective for this year. John B. will take lead on getting this done and will be supported by Bill R. Marshall will forward John and Bill some by-laws used by other Environmental Commissions.

### **Environmental Resource Inventory (“ERI”):**

The draft ERI currently has significant gaps. Marshall has been working on a section for birds and has obtained a brochure showing birds found in the Camden County area that includes a photo, name, and type of bird (water, raptor, etc.). John has been working on watersheds and brought maps of aquifers and watersheds and some descriptions of these aquifers and the two sub-watersheds that cover Haddon Heights. He will put these files into the ERI Shared folder in Dropbox so that Marshall can review them.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

At last month’s meeting, a representative from a regional Anti-Fracking (Clean Water) group attended and presented a proposal to influence NJ lawmakers to take action against the transportation of oil derived by fracking in NJ. If approved by the HHEC, this resolution would be taken to the Council. Although there was no quorum last month, the attendees, Marshall, Bill, and John, listened to the information provided by this representative and found it severely wanting in terms of any Haddon Heights specific information or any sufficiently detailed information on any risks to Haddon Heights this issue would present. This representative was advised to come back when the requested data could be made available.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Grants available for Safe Routes to School (“SRTC”), Transportation & Community Development Initiative (“TCDI”), and Transportation Alternatives Program (“TAP”) were discussed. The deadline for these grant requests is June 30<sup>th</sup>. As this is just over 5 weeks away, there is very little time to get this done. Marshall feels that grants completed by other EC’s could be used and adapted quickly for Haddon Heights.

Bill will take lead on working on a grant for SRTC and work with John.

TCDI and TAP grants will require a shared funding approach with municipalities from the Camden Waterfront to Clementon, but especially Oaklyn, Audubon, HH, Barrington and possibly Lawnside. David Steinberg, a member of Sustainable Haddon Heights, has done a lot of work on a bike/pedestrian path using the CSX railroad corridor. No follow up action was identified for this grant area.

**ROUNDTABLE:**

Steve is to verify that the HHEC budget has or will be restored.

ANJEC “Capital Day” is on May 30<sup>th</sup> in Trenton. Marshall and John have signed up. Bill will check his schedule/calendar and let Marshall know if he will be able to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Babcock  
Acting Secretary

Next Business Meeting – Wednesday, June 18, 2014, 7:00 PM