

**Borough of Haddon Heights  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
March 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Chair John Babcock called the March 16, 2016 Business Meeting of the Haddon Heights Environmental Commission (“HHEC”) meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

**Roll Call:**

John Babcock	Present	Kevin Murphy	Excused
Steven Berryhill	Present	Jackie Parisi	Excused
Dave Cox	Excused	Bill Rafter	Present
Marshall Hatfield	Present	Bruce Koch (Alt.)	Excused
TBD (Alt.)	OPEN		

**Public Comment:**

No one from the public was present.

**Housekeeping:**

The EC has a need to find an additional Alternative Commissioner. It was suggested that Mr. Rob White be considered as an alternate EC commissioner. Mr. White is a volunteer fireman and had already been interviewed by Steve Berryhill. John Babcock has not spoken with Mr. White, but is expecting him to call.

**Minutes Approval:**

A motion to accept the February 17<sup>th</sup> HHEC Business Meeting minutes with no corrections was made by Marshall H and seconded by Steve B. All were in favor.

**Old Business**

**ANJEC Recreation-Open Spaces-Natural Resources Map:**

There was a discussion with Mark Parker concerning the finishing up of the HH Open Space Resources map. Marshall will provide Mark (1) pinpointed locations of the two streams for the front of the map, and further rhetoric for the back of the map. An ink version of the map is next. .

ACTION: Marshall to provide Mark with stream locations for front of map and additional information for the back of the map.
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**TCDI Railroad Corridor DVRPC Grant Update:**

There are no updates. Much is in the hands of Bach Associates. Craig Reilly is the engineer and Candice is the project manager (both at Bach).

**2015 Annual Report to Council Status:**

This has been submitted.

**2016 Budget**

The HHEC’s **2016 Budget** will be voted on at the second April Council Meeting. This should be viewable on the town’s website. The only specific concern is the need to pay for conferences and certifications.

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**2016 Sustainable Jersey Actions**

**Environmental Resource Inventory** - We have a difficulty with the ERI as we have no funding for it. A question arose as to the consequences of having an ERI in place. One effect would be the requirement of an Environmental Commission review of every site plan. The EC would have the power to make recommendations prior to the approval of the site plan. There would be an environmental impact study as part of the site review.

**iTree – Street Tree Inventory** - John and Marshall will arrange a meeting in the next two weeks to coordinate.

**Kings Highway Flashing Pedestrian Sign and Road Repaving:** Steve B. advised that prior to paving, Audubon and HH need to coordinate with PSE&G and American Water any work that needs to be done vis-a-vis their infrastructure. HH needs to make some minor repairs (unspecified) and American Water needs work, but first needs to budget said work. Thus nothing can be done until spring 2017 at the earliest.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**New Grant Projects:** The ANJEC Open Space plan has a deadline of April 1<sup>st</sup>. First you need to submit a brief proposal and then follow it up with a big plan with big money. Thus it is not possible to get it in this year. Kevin is the most knowledgeable on this project.

**Free Tree Day:** Marshall advised that the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway will be on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10-3 at the Borough Hall. Staffing people are needed. Other towns (e.g. Barrington) will be invited to participate. We need to know if Station Avenue will be blocked as that day also hosts the Rhythm & Blues event.

***Commissioner Comments***

- John has been invited on to the **Green Team**, which is a town advisory group. The group has no meetings but serves as a source of experts on various matters.

***Adjournment:***

Bill R made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marshall H and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Rafter  
Volunteer Secretary

Next Business Meeting – Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 7:00 PM