

HADDON HEIGHTS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

2016 ANNUAL REPORT TO BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Haddon Heights Environmental Commission (HHEC) was established on March 6, 2012 by Resolution 2012:66. In 2014, the HHEC adopted official by-laws to guide expectations for its current and future members and the public.

Volunteer Hours

Total volunteer hours to date:

2012	46.0 hours
2013	92.5 hours
2014	180.5 hours
2015	280.5 hours
<u>2016</u>	<u>221.0 hours</u>
Total:	820.5 hours

Attached please find the HHEC 2016 meeting, workshop/event participation data, and list of Resolutions passed. During this year four meetings had to be cancelled due to a lack of quorum. The resignations of two members, one as the year began and a second in mid-year contributed to this. All meetings had agenda and meeting notes taken and provided to the Borough Clerk for posting on the Borough website.

Accomplishments

Members of the HHEC devoted their time and effort to and for the following:

- The 2nd Annual Tree Sapling Distribution
- Partnership with Stockton University on the Street Tree Inventory
- Trails with Rails Study Participation
- The Recreation-Open Spaces-Natural Resources Map
- Partnership with Sustainable Haddon Heights to maintain a Bronze Level with Sustainable NJ

2016 Resolutions

The following Resolutions were established, or re-established:

2016:25	Resolution Concerning Attached Appointments (Environmental Commission included)
2016:38	Resolution Amending Resolution 2016:25 Appointments for Environmental Commission
2016:61	Resolution Authorizing PSE&G Direct Install Program Through Green Tech Energy Services at 625 Station Avenue
2016:65	Resolution Authorizing PSE&G Direct Install Program Through Green Tech Energy Services at 514 W Atlantic Avenue
2016:123	Resolution Authorizing PSE&G Direct Install Program Through Green Tech Energy Services at 608 Station Avenue
2016:135	Sustainable Land Use Pledge Resolution

2017 Recommendations

The resignations of one Alternate Commission position at the beginning of 2016 and that of a full Commissioner in July has been followed by the resignations effective December 31, 2016 of another Alternate Commission position, Chief Bruce Koch and that of myself, Chair of the HHEC. This leaves our Commission short two Commissioners and two Alternate Commissioners.

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To at least partially address this, the following recommendations and updates are offered to the Borough.

- Serving as Vice Chair for 2016, I recommend Kevin Murphy to replace me as Chair. Kevin works for the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and is very experienced working in the areas of environmental awareness and sustainability and working with local, county, and state governments and agencies. He is raising his family here in Haddon Heights and would be a very capable Chairperson for this Commission.
- We also have three additional candidates for the open Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner positions. Two of whom have agreed to join the Commission if appointed by the Borough. They are John Rayser and Chris Linaris. Both are residents of Haddon Heights and very anxious to support this Commission and the Borough. An additional candidate is Kathy Miller, who was not able to talk with us before the end of this year, but has said she would attend, as a guest, the January HHEC monthly meeting. Should all three be asked to join the HHEC, we would just be short one Alternate Commissioner position.
- Finally, a request that a member of our Police Department be considered for an Alternate Commission position. Then Captain, now Chief Bruce Koch's participation and contributions to the knowledge and better understanding of the impacts of environmental and sustainable ideas were invaluable. If an experienced member of the PD could be considered, it would be greatly appreciated.

The HHEC remains ready to advise the Mayor and Council of any areas of environmental concern that may arise and will continue to support our borough and assist in our Sustainable Jersey certification.

Thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve Haddon Heights as part of this Commission for the past three years.

Respectfully submitted,

John Babcock
Chair, HHEC

Members as of December, 2016:

- David Cox
- Susan Griffith, Council Liaison
- (Chief) Bruce Koch
- Marshall Hatfield
- Kevin Murphy
- Jackie Parisi-Merryfield, Planning Board Liaison