

# Holland Township Environmental Commission Minutes

November 1, 2017 7 PM Meeting

Chairman Keady called the meeting to order. He read the notice satisfying the Open Public Meeting Act. All stood for the pledge of allegiance. All were reminded to turn off their cell phones or put them in silent mode.

Members Present: Henry Gore, David Harrison (arrived 7:15 pm), Ted Harwick, Mike Keady, Dwight Pederson, Rick Schrack and Secretary Maria Elena Jennette Kozak.

Present: Township Committee Liaison: Robert Thurgarland

Absent: Jerry Bowers and Susan Meacham

Let the record show we have a quorum.

Minutes: A motion was made by Ted Harwick and seconded by Rick Schrack to approve the October 4, 2017 minutes as presented. All present were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

2018 Meeting Dates – A motion was made by Ted Harwick and seconded by Dwight Pederson to approve the 2018 meeting dates as presented. All present were in favor of the motion. Motion carried. The 2018 meeting dates are as follows:

Township of Holland  
Environmental Commission

## 2018 Meetings

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Environmental Commission, Township of Holland, County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, will hold their regular meetings on the following dates in 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Holland Township Municipal Building, 61 Church Road, Milford, NJ. Meetings are open to the public.

### Meeting Dates

January 3, 2018 (Reorganization Meeting)

February 7, 2018

March 7, 2018

April 4, 2018

May 2, 2018

June 5, 2018 \* (Tuesday)

July 5, 2018 \*\*(Thursday)

August 1, 2018

September 5, 2018

October 3, 2018

November 6, 2018 \*\*\* (Tuesday)

December 5 2018

January 2, 2019 (Reorganization Meeting)

Americorp Delaware River Ambassador Guest – Fairfax Hutter. The Americorps would like to do a project on our creeks. Discussion took place which also included Holland Township conforming with the Highlands Regional Master Plan and that we have Highlands Grant money available for specific tasks. One task identified is about the stream corridor. We can look into doing this task and if it would help out the Americorps with the creek project. The Americorps does have a lot of requirements. Some areas include stream clean-ups, stream restoration, volunteer training and working with children. They are looking for volunteers. Her term started in July. She is looking to partner with other organizations. Hopewell Township has a few groups interested. Chairman Keady suggested that we sit down with the Highlands Council for a meeting to share ideas. Fairfax Hunter is interested in looking for micro invertebrates. David Harrison stated that his wife has worked with sampling and monitoring for the EPA and he thinks she might be helpful with these projects. There is another ambassador for the Musconetcong Watershed. Holland shares both ambassadors. Fairfax Hutter will stay in contact with Dwight Pederson and Trout Unlimited. PennEast Pipeline Update: Nothing to update at this time.

#### Sub-Committees:

Stormwater Education – Mike Keady, Rick Schrack and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak as Secretary –nothing new to report. Secretary Kozak will prepare a status report.

Trails – Ted Harwick, Jerry Bowers and Richard Schrack. – Progressing. Pictures are being taken and all are aware that the project needs to be completed by April.

Community Education and Outreach – Jerry Bowers, Dwight Pederson, and Susan Meacham – If you see additional corrections that are needed please send them to Secretary Kozak. The link is as follows: <http://www.hollandtownshipnj.gov/14-ec/46-environmental-commission.html>. All were still encouraged to think about how to publicize the Trails. Mapping will need to be created etc.

Ted Harwick attended the ANJEC meeting at Merrill Creek regarding Septic. ANJEC is looking to do a webinar on Stormwater.

Highlands Conformance – Jerry Bowers and Mike Keady. Nothing new to report. The Highlands Council Land Use Ordinance and the Highlands Council approved Zoning Map will be available for review at the Municipal Building, the Township Library, and on-line at the EC webpage. The documents were introduced by the Township Committee for First Reading at the scheduled meeting of October 3, 2017. The Planning Board Agenda appeared as:

1. Holland Township Highlands Council Subcommittee to discuss:
  - a. Review **ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 101, ENTITLED “LAND USE ORDINANCE, HIGHLANDS” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLAND**, introduced at Township Committee Meeting October 3, 2017 and set for Public Hearing November 8, 2017. Board Action Required – consistency with the Master Plan.
  - b. Review **ORDINANCE NO. 2017- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 100, PART I, ARTICLE II ENTITLED “DISTRICTS; BOUNDARIES; ZONING MAP” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLAND WITH REGARD TO THE ZONING MAP**

introduced at Township Committee Meeting October 3, 2017 and set for Public Hearing November 8, 2017. Board Action Required – consistency with the Master Plan.

The documents will be available at the Clerk's office, at the Library and on the website (<http://www.hollandtownshipnj.gov/>). The notice is:

**Attention  
Holland Township Residents**

Holland Township is taking the next steps to conform to the Highlands Regional Master Plan by adopting two new ordinances detailed below.

**Highlands Land Use Ordinance (Highlands Council Grant Task #5)**

This ordinance will be examined by the Planning Board for consistency with the Holland Township Master Plan and then considered for adoption by the Township Committee at a public hearing in which the public can participate. The Highlands Land Use Ordinance is the logical follow-up to two previously-adopted documents: 1) The Highlands Environmental Resources Inventory, which listed the Highlands Resources in Holland Township; and 2) The Highlands Element of the Township Master Plan, which expressed our goals for protecting those resources. The Land Use Ordinance now being considered for adoption is intended to codify in law the goals expressed in the Element.

[Click for the text of the Highlands Land Use Ordinance](#)

[Click for maps that are part of the Highlands Land Use Ordinance](#)

**Zoning Map (Highlands Council Grant Task #11)**

The Zoning Map is the updated map of the Township showing the overlay of the new Highlands Zones as well as the older zoning designations. It is important to note that existing Zones are still relevant (for example, the Highlands Land Use Ordinance is applicable when three or more lots are created, so a two-lot subdivision would fall under the old R-5 rules). Once adopted, the printed map will be on display at the Municipal Building and the electronic version will be uploaded to our Holland Township website.

[Click for the text of the Zoning Map ordinance](#)

[Click to see the new Zoning Map](#)

**Meeting Schedule**

The Township Committee has a First Reading of the documents at the October 3, 2017 Township Committee Meeting and refers to Planning Board for Consistency Review.

The Planning Board conducts a Master Plan Consistency Review of the proposed documents and provides comments at the scheduled meeting of October 9, 2017.

The Township Committee will have a Second Reading and an advertised Public Hearing at the scheduled meeting on November 8, 2017. **Public comments and questions are welcomed.**

[Click to go to the Highlands Council website and view all Holland documents, including the Highlands Environmental Resources Inventory and the Highlands Master Plan Element](#)

The Planning Board found that the Highlands Element is consistent with the Holland Township Master Plan. The Planning Board was also on board with the Zoning Map as presented. The Planning Board had a memo sent to the Township Committee with its findings. All are encouraged to attend the Public Hearing for the documents which is scheduled for November 8, 2017.

Shade Tree and Community Forestry Plan Sub-Committee – Henry Gore, Ted Harwick, Dwight Pederson and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak as secretary.

Tree Markers – handouts were distributed. The best marker is the one that is screwed into the tree with a spring that allows for growth and retightening. Henry Gore talked about using a 6”x4” marker with a QR code that would allow people to identify the tree not just by the words on the marker but by using an app on your phone that links to a webpage created with educational information about the specific tree. After some discussion all present agreed that Secretary Kozak is to send all the information to the Township Committee regarding purchasing 6 plaques for approximately \$20.00 per plaque.

David Harrison is interested in creating a subcommittee to inventory living creatures in Holland Parks (he is thinking ferns, plants, trees, shrubs, mammals, reptiles, fish, animals, birds, insects etc.). This is a labor intensive project and would require spending time in the field and asking for volunteers. Holland Township has a NRI/ERI that we can use as a starting point. This would allow us to learn more about our town. We could create a webpage similar to the one discussed above for the tree identification page. Discussion took place about using Google Drive as a way to share documents. David Harrison, Dwight Pederson and Rick Schrack are to work on a good name for the subcommittee and plan an outline of what they want to accomplish.

Henry Gore asked the members to consider ordinances that would apply to township parks and township owned land regarding protection. Henry Gore handed out a park survey. Henry Gore reminded everyone that as part of the forestry plan the state is looking favorably to towns implementing ordinances on public land. Chairman Keady reminded everyone that ordinances cost money and the township is more conservative in creating ordinances. Henry Gore had model ordinances for all to review.

Public Comment: No comments were expressed.

At 9:00 pm made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

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