# **Holland Township Environmental Commission Minutes**

March 3, 2021 7 PM Meeting

Chairman Keady called the meeting to order. I call to order the March 3, 2021 Reorganizational Meeting of the Holland Township Environmental Commission. Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act Law by the Environmental Commission Secretary by:

- 1. Posting such notice on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building.
- 2. Publishing the notice in the December 10, 2020 edition of the Hunterdon County Democrat
- 3. And faxing to the Express-Times for informational purposes only.

# HOLLAND TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLAND

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF FORMAT OF REGULAR TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 7:00 PM WEDNESDAY February 3, 2021

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.

THE MEETING FORMAT HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 61 CHURCH ROAD, TO TELECONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19 OUTBREAK AND THE STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY GOVERNOR MURPHY. IN LIEU OF IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE, THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCING AND COMMENT DURING THE DESIGNATED PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT. OFFICIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN

## Join Zoom Meeting:

https://zoom.us/j/91276244563?pwd=VDJoVGU4NGE2YkEvQ2tGR3JpQTNiUT09

Phone: 1 646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 912 7624 4563

Passcode: 931668

All recited the pledge of allegiance. All were reminded to turn off their cell phones or put them in silent mode.

Members Present: Regina Barna, Jerry Bowers, Mike Keady, David Harrison, and Susan Meacham (arrived 7:08 pm), Ray Note, Dwight Pederson, and Township Committee Liaison Dan Bush, Engineer Adam Wisniewski, and Secretary Maria Elena Jennette Kozak.

Absent: Township Committee Alternate Liaison: Ray Krov.

Member of the Public: Tony Rizzello

Let the record show we have a quorum.

Minutes: A motion was made by Jerry Bowers and seconded by David Harrison to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 3, 2021 meeting and to approve the minutes as recorded. All present were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Holland Happenings: Chairman Keady is working on the article. The Environmental Commission will showcase. Secretary Kozak will let Clerk Miller know that the EC article will highlight many exciting trails

and other exciting news in Holland. We need to make sure we have the authority to use pictures submitted and David Harrison will work with his wife to locate some great pictures of Holland Trails and trees.

## PennEast Pipeline update: Susan Meacham and Mike Keady -.

The big news is that fracking is banned in the Delaware River Basin.

Secretary Kozak googled an article. The link <a href="https://www.nrdc.org/experts/marisa-guerrero/fracking-banned-delaware-river-basin">https://www.nrdc.org/experts/marisa-guerrero/fracking-banned-delaware-river-basin</a> and the article is:

### Article by NRCD:

NRDC works to safeguard the earth—its people, its plants and animals, and the natural systems on which all life depends.

Fracking Banned in the Delaware River Basin!

February 25, 2021 Marisa Guerrero Kimberly Ong

Today marks an important day for public health and environmental protection: **fracking is now banned in the Delaware River Basin.** 

In an historic move, the Delaware River Basin Commission—the body responsible for safeguarding the water quality of the Delaware River Basin—voted to outlaw fracking in the region. Four of the five Commissioners, including the governors of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, voted for the ban, taking a strong stance that fracking "poses significant, immediate and long-term risks to the development, conservation, utilization, management, and preservation of the water resources of the Delaware River Basin."

The Delaware River Basin is the watershed at the base of the majestic Delaware River, the longest free-flowing river east of the Mississippi. The Delaware stretches from the Catskills in New York State through parts of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland, providing drinking water to 17 million people. It is one of the most important fisheries in the country, a critical habitat for countless species of flora and fauna, including native trout, American eels, and bald eagles.

The pristine Delaware River Basin has long been at risk of being used for hydraulic fracturing ("fracking"). Fracking is the process of extracting fossil fuels, like oil and gas, by injecting a mixture of water, salt, and thousands of toxic chemicals into the earth. It is an incredibly dangerous activity; the chemicals used are toxic pollutants that have been linked to cancer, mutations, and other adverse impacts on human health, and are destructive to aquatic life and ecosystems. If the Delaware River Basin were to be used for fracking, around 45,000 people would find themselves living within one mile of the planned fracking well pad locations, now at high risk of those health threats.

What's more, fracking contributes to the intensifying global climate crisis. At all stages of extraction, transmission, and combustion, fracking releases methane, an extremely potent greenhouse gas. Concurringly, building fracking infrastructure in the Basin would signal support for the development, transmission, and use of fossil fuels, the leading driver of climate change.

Banning fracking in the Delaware River Basin is an historic event. It marks a commitment to protecting human and environmental health—not just for those who depend on the Delaware River, but for an entire planet threatened by climate change.

This groundbreaking decision is a product of years of hard-fought advocacy by NRDC and other allies, including the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Catskill Mountainkeeper, Sierra Club New Jersey Chapter, Food and Water Watch, League of Women Voters of New Jersey, Clean Water Action, Environment New Jersey, and Damascus Citizens for Sustainability. Following nearly ten years of efforts forged by NRDC and our partner environmental groups to protect the watershed, the Delaware River Basin Commission first proposed today's fracking ban in 2017. Since then, NRDC and our partners have waged a comprehensive campaign to support a full ban on fracking—central to our campaign has been the push for a ban on additional fracking-related activities, like the disposal of toxic fracking waste into the Basin. From publishing news articles and blogs, to circulating petitions and action alerts, we have worked to mobilize our members to attend Commission meetings, submit comments, and advocate for the ban. Additionally, our staff have spoken at Commission meetings, offered written comments, and submitted an amicus brief for consideration in a lawsuit challenging the Commission's authority to regulate fracking in the basin.

Our coalition, as well as NRDC's own engaged membership base, has worked hard. After years of advocacy, that work has come to fruition in today's critical vote.

The decision about whether or not to permit fracking in the Delaware River Basin is one of the most important decisions the Commission has made in recent years—if not of all time. The Basin now joins New York, which recently banned fracking across the state, as a leader in the move away from fossil fuel infrastructure and toward a cleaner and greener future.

We thank the Commission—especially New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, Delaware Governor John Carney, and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf—for taking historic action against fracking, and for protecting our people and our planet. But the fight is not over. While this vote enacts a full ban on fracking, it does not prohibit the transportation and disposal of fracking waste, nor does it ban the withdrawal and export of water from the

watershed for fracking purposes. NRDC and our allies will continue to fight to protect this critical watershed until it is fully protected from the dangers of fracking and all of its associated activities.

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# Agency permanently bans fracking near Delaware River

By MICHAEL RUBINKAMFebruary 26, 2021



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FILE - This Tuesday Dec. 25, 2018 file photo shows the Delaware River at Washington Crossing, Pa. On Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021, the Delaware River Basin Commission, a regulatory agency that's responsible for the water supply of more than 13 million people in four states voted to permanently ban natural gas drilling and fracking in the watershed. (AP Photo/Jacqueline Larma)

A regulatory agency that's responsible for the water supply of more than 13 million people in four Northeastern states voted Thursday to permanently ban natural gas drilling and fracking near a crucial waterway, asserting that gas development poses an unacceptable risk.

The Delaware River Basin Commission <u>cited "significant immediate and long-term risks"</u> from gas extraction, saying in a resolution that drillers have "adversely impacted surface-water and groundwater resources, including sources of drinking water, and have harmed aquatic life in some regions."

The ban applies to the entire watershed but, practically speaking, impacts Wayne and Pike counties in Pennsylvania's northeastern tip. Both are part of the nation's largest gas field, the Marcellus Shale. Nearly 13,000 wells have been drilled elsewhere in the vast Marcellus formation, turning Pennsylvania into the nation's No. 2 gas-producing state.

"The fracking ban in the Delaware River Basin is a momentous victory for public health, the environment, and against climate change," said Kimberly Ong, an attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Republican state lawmakers in Pennsylvania as well as a landowners group have filed lawsuits challenging the commission's right to regulate gas development in the watershed. A lawyer for the GOP legislators accused the basin commission, which is controlled by Democrats, of trying to "game the system" by imposing a ban while the litigation is pending.

"Certainly my view is that DRBC took this step in direct reaction to what I presume is their fear about our lawsuit," said the lawyer, Matt Haverstick. "I think the right thing for the DRBC to do would be to let the court actions play out, especially since it was content to do nothing for a decade."

Thursday's vote was 4-0, with the federal government's representative abstaining. The other members of the commission are the governors of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Delaware, or their designees.

Drilling opponents have long contended that large-scale gas exploration could not be done safely so close to crucial waterways and renowned fisheries. The Delaware and its tributaries supply drinking water to Philadelphia, half the population of New York City and many other locales.

In making permanent a moratorium that had been in place since 2010, the commissioners said they worried about the possibility of uncontrolled methane migration through faults and fractures in the shale, surface spills of toxic fracking fluids and drilling wastewater, and well failures. Gas drillers have <u>damaged at least 374 private water supplies</u> since arriving in Pennsylvania more than a decade ago.

Business and industry groups condemned the ban as an affront to private property rights, and said it was foolhardy to constrain energy production, pointing to last week's deadly blackout in Texas.

"It is quite clear the region and nation rely heavily on Pennsylvania's resources to keep the lights on, and we must oppose any efforts to restrict the production and transmission of our natural resources," said Gene Barr, president and CEO of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry.

Industry officials pointed to studies by a neighboring regulatory agency, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, that found no link between intensive gas drilling in the Marcellus and degradation of the watershed.

"There is no support to any claim that drilling results in widespread impacts to drinking water, rivers or groundwater," Barr said. "This was a political decision uninformed by science."

Energy companies combine horizontal drilling with hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, a technique that injects vast amounts of water, along with sand and chemicals, underground to break up the gas-bearing shale. The drilling methods spurred a U.S. production boom in shale gas and oil.

The basin commission had spent years developing environmental regulations for the gas industry before reversing course in 2017 and signaling it would enact a permanent ban.

Maya van Rossum, who leads the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, an environmental watchdog group, hailed Thursday's vote as a "huge victory" but said more work remains.

The commissioners stripped out draft provisions that could have allowed the industry to draw water from the river and its tributaries for hydraulic fracturing outside the region, and to dispose of fracking wastewater within the Delaware watershed.

The commissioners, instead, ordered DRBC staff to develop separate regulations. Those regulations could turn into a prohibition, which is what environmentalists are pushing.

Conservation officials once estimated that gas companies had leased more than 300 square miles of Delaware River watershed land. The drillers have long since pulled up stakes because of the de facto ban, dismaying farmers and other landowners seeking a financial windfall.

This story was first published Feb. 25, 2021. It was updated Feb. 26, 2012, to correct to whom a quote was attributed. "It is quite clear the region and nation rely heavily on Pennsylvania's resources to keep the lights on, and we must oppose any efforts to restrict the production and transmission of our natural resources" was said by Gene Barr, president and CEO of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, not David Callahan, president of the Marcellus Shale Coalition.

PennEast submitted brief to the Supreme Court. Susan Meacham can provide the brief if interested. Secretary Kozak googled this and here is the link:

https://www.supremecourt.gov/docket/docketfiles/html/public/19-1039.html

No. 19-1039

Title: PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC, Petitioner

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New Jersey, et al.

Docketed: February 20, 2020

Linked with 19A836

Lower Ct: United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Case Numbers: (19-1191, 19-1232) Decision Date: September 10, 2019 Rehearing Denied: November 5, 2019

Questions Presented

#### DATE PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERS

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Feb 18 2020 Petition for a writ of certiorari filed. (Response due March 23, 2020)

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# PennEast Pipeline Co. v. New Jersey

Docket No.	Op. Below	Argument	Opinion	Vote	Author	Term
19-1039	3rd Cir.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	OT 2020

**Issues**: (1) Whether the Natural Gas Act delegates to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission certificate-holders the authority to exercise the federal government's eminent-domain power to condemn land in which a state claims an interest; and (2) whether the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit properly exercised jurisdiction over this case.

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# **Sub-Committees Reports**

Trails – Jerry Bowers, Ray Note and Regina Barna. The subcommittee is working on updating the website. More information discussed during Holland Happenings. Regina Barna is working on a write up about the hidden treasures of five trails in Holland. She is trying to tie the information together and to make this more user friendly.

Community Forestry Plan – Ray Note, David Harrison, and Secretary Kozak

Community Forestry Plan Goals - David Harrison previously outlined the goals for 2021. Keep this in mind.

These were the goals we established to be completed for the CFP in 2021:

- 1) Arbor Day tree planting Arbor Day April 30, 2021 - Holland Township plants a tree each year in or around the grove. We can still do this, however Liaison Bush suggested that we seek a donation from one of the local businesses to help us replenish the Ash trees that are being removed due to the Emerald Ash Borer. We could seek a donation of approximately 6 to 12 trees. We can add more plaques of which Secretary Kozak can seek ordering additional plaques per the Liaison and EC members. Georgia Pacific is a potential sponsor in town to which Chairman Keady will write a letter. Some shade trees that would look great in The Grove would be a Flowering Dogwood or American Elm. One of these would be a good addition for this year on the other side by the pines.
- 2) Track hours and expenditures for CFP program
- 3) Complete annual training requirements; 8 CEU's need to see if anything is available for ceu's
- 4) Submit 2 tree or forest related articles to local and regional newspapers and Township website we do these in the Holland Happenings
- 5) Identify and label individual trees on Township property we do the plaque project yearly
- 6) Plan and develop outreach efforts at Community Day this is ongoing when we can
- 7) If funding is available, apply for a Township Seedling Giveaway We signed up for trees this year and will have to pick up on April 22. In the past we have had the Boy Scouts help us. We need to have a plan this year with a rapid bail out if things change due to Covid-19. Maybe partner with another organization. Maybe pay someone from the Clean Communities grant. Chairman Keady to explore this. We have to follow social protocol of the COVID pandemic. If we cannot partner with someone then we need to figure out a way to distribute the trees.
- 8) Investigate alternate sources of funding and possibly create a non-profit Shade Tree Group need to explore this check with Ron Farr
- 9) Work with EC and create and present a tree related program within the school district need to explore
- 10) Attain CORE Training for at least one volunteer and/or DPW employee Mr. Keady and Secretary Kozak are Core Trained. Liaison Bush is also Core Trained. Secretary Kozak needs to follow up with this. It is thru the County but we can also have him listed on the Holland site.
- 11) Apply for CSIP funding to implement a Riparian Buffer Program Check with Ron Farr is this something that ties to the Highlands Council grant availability maybe Stream Corridor

The seedling tree giveaway is to be cancelled. Secretary Kozak will follow up with the state. Secretary Kozak to work on the annual Arbor Day proclamation for the Township Committee. Chairman Keady will work on the letter to Gerogia Pacific to see about them donating approximately 6 trees to help replace the ash trees we have removed due to the Emerald Ash Borer problem. The partnership would be recognized with a dedication of the trees. Tree plaques would be purchased.

Tree Inventory –Submitted via email on February 1, 2021. Secretary Kozak needs to follow up with reporting the hours and support to get reimbursement.

Holland Township CFMP annual report 2020 – Submitted February 10, 2021

Tree Map update – Dwight Pederson is still working on this. The maps are buried in the website. He suggests a different platform and Liaison Bush responded that the township is considering options and will be moving to a new system Mr. Thurgarland did this with the county and they are there to help is. More information to follow.

Highlands Conformance – Jerry Bowers, Mike Keady and Dwight Pederson. – The Holland Township Highlands Council subcommittee completed and adopted several tasks in 2020. Progress is being made with the Fair Share Housing Plan which is the next task that will be before the Planning Board.

Highlands Council Environmental and Economic Sustainability Grant Awards Program update: Secretary Kozak continues to work with Maser and the Highlands Council but distribution of funds is on hold. The Retention/Detention basin inventory is still an important project. Shifting of monies from previously approved tasks is being considered but the Council advises that everything is on hold per the Governor. Secretary Kozak to touch base with HC liaison Green for any update.

Hunterdon County Economic Development Grant – Secretary Kozak and Planner Green worked with HCED Director Saluk with a proposal to update zoning ordinances in Holland Township identified in the Redevelopment Plan and refining the Home Occupation Ordinance. Maser Consulting submitted a proposal in the amount of \$5,850.00 with Holland Township agreeing to match the grant with 10%. Holland Township has been awarded the grant. Planner Green will begin working on this. The Planning Board and the Township Committee will be reviewing the proposed ordinances for consideration.

Stormwater Education – Mike Keady, Jerry Bowers, Susan Meacham and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak as Secretary – Secretary Kozak submitted the 2020 overview for consideration:

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www.hollandtownshipnj.gov Phone: (908)995-0057 Fax: (908)995-7112

TO: Township Engineer Richard Roseberry CC: The 2020 Environmental Commission

FROM: Maria Elena Jennette Kozak- Environmental Commission Secretary

DATE: February 2, 2021

RE: 2020 Tier B Municipal Stormwater General Permit Points

New Point System for Public Education Outreach - - need 12 points and include activities from 3 of the 5 categories. Total Points 13.5 Category 1 - General Outreach (subtotal 1 point)

- Web postings 1 point
  - Please look at the web site. http://www.hollandtownshipnj.gov/
  - Some information is available on the home page of the web site as suggested by the past township engineer. Our web administrator has it under advisories.
  - Exhibit 1 screen shot

# Category 2 - Targets Audience Activities (subtotal 9.5)

- Stormwater Display 1 point
  - Display at Municipal Building -
  - o Exhibit 2 pictures
    - Posters obtained by State (like TIP cards)
    - Mounted in Black frames
    - Displayed on the lower level of the building and in our hallway
- Promotional Item 2 points
  - Stormwater message on Individual hand sanitizer distribution to Holland School, police department, DPW, and available at the municipal building for whoever wants one
  - o cost comes out of grant money!
  - o Did individual hand sanitizer bottles with "Don't Pollute Streams" on it.
  - o Exhibit 3 Picture and requisitions
- Mass mailing 2 points
  - The stormwater information sheet was mailed with the 2020 recycling /dumpster cards package distributed to residents in December.
  - Exhibit 4 the "Solutions to Stormwater Pollution" flyer and envelop
- Stormwater Management Training 2 points Max 4 points
  - o Exhibit 5 certificate Adam T. Wisniewski from Maser
- Municipal Training 2.5 Points Max 6 points
  - www.njstormwater.org/training
    - PB/BOA/Environmental Commission Secretary
      - Asking the Right Questions
    - Exhibit 6 last page of slide show with signature of person completing the training and ANJEC certificates: Harrison, Grossmueller, Kanakaris, Keady, Secretary Kozak

#### Category 3 - School/Youth Education and Activities (subtotal 3 points)

- Clean-up .3 Points
  - Road clean ups-because of COVID 19 Pandemic we did not have our regular organizations participating in roadside cleanups. Our DPW cleaned up our roads more along with residents who were walking more. Roads cleaned: Hawks Schoolhouse. Ellis Road, Bellis Road, Dennis Road, Cyphers Road, Shire Road, Phillips Road, Church

Secretary Kozak will add the exhibits and send this to Maser for their report that is filed to the State of New Jersey in April for Holland Township as a Tier B municipality.

Community Education and Outreach – Jerry Bowers, Dwight Pederson, and Susan Meacham – Nothing new to report.

The EC webpage is: <a href="http://www.hollandtownshipnj.gov/14-ec/46-environmental-commission.html">http://www.hollandtownshipnj.gov/14-ec/46-environmental-commission.html</a>. Please send any additions or corrections to Secretary Kozak for posting The subcommittee will be sending information for Secretary Kozak to work with the webmaster. The goal is April 1<sup>st</sup>. The web company needs about a week to update.

Inventory of Fauna and Flora subcommittee - David Harrison, Dwight Pederson, Ray Note - Nothing new to report.

Wild and Scenic – Liaison Pederson did not have anything new to report from the Musconetcong Watershed Management Council. The meeting took place and discussion of grants was the topic. The study is to be from Bloomsbury north. Bacteria is the concern. Highlands Liaison Green did a shout out to Holland Township as being proactive. Ms. Green also talked about a Highlands project involving the ERI. Secretary Kozak will work with HC Liaison Green to have Holland as a volunteer with the project. Dwight Pederson was asked to participate in a Congressional Outreach Program where he will represent Holland Township. The plan is to talk things up and include conversations about our designation as well as the dam. Dwight Pederson is an avid fisherman and brings a wealth of knowledge of the waters which delights MWA Director Hunt. Liaison Bush suggested that Dwight Pederson also bring up how we need more school funding! Additional discussions included Tiger Trout being located back to the dam.

Planning Board Hearing - - Nothing new to report.

Liaison Bush reported that the Township Committee is in the final stage of purchasing the 77 acres of land down by the railroad tracks of the Gilbert Plant. This is a partnership with GenOn and Holland Township and the company has gifted the Township an easement to the River. Hunterdon Land Trust is involved. The closing should be as soon as April 1, 2021. The use will be passive recreation with Holland Township putting in a parking lot. It will be forever a natural area with the thought of farming with trails, maybe horse backing riding, snow shoes etc. GenOn is being sold but it is to remain open and will continue to be a stand by generating company.

Public Comment: Tony Rizzello – present but no comment.

At 8:35 pm Susan Meacham made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

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