

HOLMDEL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, **January 18, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.**

Karen Strickland, Vice Chairperson opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., and Loretta Coscia read the following **OPENING STATEMENT:** *“I hereby announce, pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided on January 13, 2022, to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times. Notice has also been posted in the entrance of Town Hall, filed in the Clerk’s Office, and posted on the Township’s website, www.holmdeltownship.com, all pursuant to Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act.”*

Roll Call

Present: Karen Strickland, *Chairperson*
Ralph Blumenthal
Chiung-Yin Cheng Liu
Jill Perez
Randy Rauscher
Tony Salerno
Gary Vanderham
Loretta Coscia, *Secretary*

Absent: Maria Curreri, *Alternate 1*
John Galasso, *Alternate 2*

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence to Honor Military and Police Who Have Been Wounded or Killed in Action

Environmental Commission Business

- Oath of Office – Chiung-Yin Cheng Liu and Jill Perez
- Approval of Annual Notice of meeting dates 2023. **Motion** by Tony seconded by Ralph to approve the Annual Notice. Motion carried on voice vote.
- **Motion** by Randy seconded by Chung-Lin to appoint Ralph Blumenthal as first Vice Chairperson for 2023. Motion carried on voice vote. **Motion** by Tony seconded by Gary to appoint Randy as second Vice Chairperson for 2023. Motion carried on voice vote.
- Welcome/Introduction of HEC members 2023.
- Draft Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2022. **Motion** by Ralph seconded by Karen to approve the minutes. Motion carried on voice vote.
- Karen gave an overview to new commission members on the process of getting properties on the ROSI. Ralph spoke about the Open Space Plan which Kate Keller is working on.

- Trail Concerns – Karen spoke about a future wish list about what the HEC wants to do. Working on getting gravel on the Ramanessin Trail. Victor to take care of this. Ralph – working on getting a trail map. Ask Kate for a formal update on the trails once study is complete.
- Earth Day Organization-April 30 Karen said HEC sponsors Earth Day. She is the co-chair outside of HEC. CILU is the co-sponsor. HEC donates money and has an information table. Held at Bayonet Farm. Harding House will be open, and tours will be given. She would like to have Commission members volunteer in two-hour time frames from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to man the table.
- Crawford Hill–update Karen said several months ago, HEC sent a letter to the Township Committee asking that the property be placed on the Open Space Plan. Property is of historical importance. Horn Antenna, used for Big Bang Theory, and hill is highest point in Monmouth County.

Adjournment

There being no further business at 8:30 p.m., **motion** by Karen seconded by Randy and carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Coscia

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Secretary

Proceedings recorded
Approved February 8, 2023