

HOLMDEL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October **11, 2023**

Karen Strickland, Chairperson opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., and Loretta Coscia read the **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, 2023, 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*
Chiung-Yin Cheng Liu
Randy Rauscher
Anthony Salerno
Janet Jackel, Alternate 1

Absent: Ralph Blumenthal
Jill Perez
Gary Vanderham
John Galasso, Alternate 2

Also Present: Loretta Coscia

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence to Honor Military and Police and First Responders

Environmental Commission Business

- Draft Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2023. **Motion** by Janet, seconded by Randy to approve the minutes. Motion carried on voice vote by eligible members.
- Stormwater Report – Middle Road Flooding Karen suggested we invite Matthew Leconey from Rutgers who prepared the study on the Waackaack to attend an HEC meeting and revisit the Waackaack Creek study. Randy said that the Township Committee has to answer to residents suffering. Janet asked whether Matthew Leconey only looked at Holmdel as part of the watershed, as Middletown and Hazlet have problems as well. The western part of the stream is in Holmdel. The Middle Road area is a disaster. She asked whether Matthew’s report included that information.

Karen spoke about having Hazlet at our meeting to discuss. Chiung-Yin said it is a multiple town issue. Karen will prepare a list of the towns in the county including Union Beach, Keyport, Hazlet, Middletown, and Holmdel. Also obtain a contact

from the Environmental Council. Karen also suggested contacting the Hazlet Green Team and Hazlet Environmental Commission.

Janet suggested closing the loop with Greg/Township Committee before contacting anyone else. We should ask for funds for a smaller scale study. Janet will draft a letter to the Township Committee and attach the video from Mr. Tetro.

- Township Newsletter Article – Janet “Autumn Leaves”
Janet prepared the article, and it will be submitted for the next edition of the Township newsletter.

Adjournment

There being no further business at 8:05 p.m., motion made by Tony seconded by Randy to adjourn. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Coscia
Loretta Coscia
HEC Secretary

Minutes approved 11/8/23
Proceedings recorded