

**BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**January 20, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The Bedminster Township Environmental Commission held their regular meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building, Main Meeting Room, One Miller Lane, Bedminster, NJ.

The following Commissioners were in attendance: Chairman Jeffrey Leonard, Renee Mareski, Donald MacNab, Natalia Hrybowych, George Rodelius, Art Stappenbeck, R. Colin Hickey, and John Coates.

Commissioner Yellin was absent, excused.

Mayor Steven Parker was in attendance.

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Recognition of a quorum was followed by a reading by Chairman Jeffrey Leonard of the Open Public Meetings Act as required bylaw.

*Adequate notice of this meeting of the Bedminster Township Environmental Commission was sent to the Courier---News, Somerville; Bernardsville News, Bernardsville and to all subscribers and posted at the Municipal Building on January 8, 2016.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

- A) Welcome from Chairman Jeffrey Leonard. Also, notice was given for two February meetings (February 3, February 17)
- B) Introduction of and welcome to TC co---liaisons, Mayor Steven Parker and Larry Jacobs (not present).
- C) Election of Vice Chair. Chairman Leonard recommended Rene Mareski. On a motion by George Rodelius, seconded by Art Stappenbeck, Rene Mareski was unanimously approved as Vice Chair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Not approved. Previous meeting's minutes were not available at the time of the meeting.

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Somerset County's Leadership Meet and Greet will take place on January 27 at Lord Stirling Park.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** Commissioner Stappenbeck notified the Commission that the Open Space---Farmland Preservation Commission failed to make quorum and thus had not yet reorganized for 2016. Also, the cost of managing and maintaining the town's open space and preserved land is a bit shy of its annual budget of \$70k. Commission MacNab pointed out that the Green Team Report is labor---intensive and, owing to the departure of Commissioner Lert, would necessitate additional volunteer(s) to maintain the previous level of production. Finally, there was general discussion of issues and programs the Commission may face in the coming year, including Christmas Tree program, Recycling day, Library garden, wildlife promotion program, Fall Fest, and interaction with the Willow School.

Mayor Parker spoke about the role of commissioners on the environmental commission and referenced Bedminster's successful Deer Management Program that was led by Commissioner George Rodelius as an example of what can be accomplished.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:39 pm on motion made by Commissioner Mareski and seconded by Commissioner Hickey.

Respectfully submitted,

John Coates  
Commissioner