

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2018

PRESENT

CARL J. RICHKO)	CHAIR
KURT ALSTEDE)	VICE CHAIR
TRACY CARLUCCIO)	COUNCIL MEMBERS
MICHAEL R. DRESSLER)	
MICHAEL FRANCIS)	
ROBERT HOLTAWAY)	
BRUCE JAMES)	
MICHAEL SEBETICH)	
JAMES VISIOLI)	
RICHARD VOHDEN)	
ROBERT G. WALTON)	

ABSENT

TIMOTHY P. DOUGHERTY)

CALL TO ORDER 160th meeting of the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council to order at 4:02pm.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Members Dougherty and Vohden were absent. All other Council Members were present. *The following staff members were present: Margaret Nordstrom, John Maher, James Humphries, Kim Ball Kaiser, Maryjude Haddock-Weiler, Corey Piasecki, Keri Green, Casey Ezyzke, Christina Petagna, Carole Ann Dicton, Drew Siglin, Rachel Posavetz, Ranji Persaud, Sabina Tighe, and Tom Tagliareni. Also present were Lauren Nathan-LaRusso, Associate Counsel, Governor's Authorities Unit, and Jennifer Moriarty, Deputy Attorney General.*

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Ms. Tagliareni announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. The Highlands Council sent written notice of the time, date, and location of this meeting to pertinent newspapers of circulation throughout the State and posted notice on the Highlands Council website.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was then recited.

APPROVAL OF HIGHLANDS COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2018

Chair Richko asked for a motion on the Minutes of March 15, 2018.

Member Holtaway made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 15, 2018. Member Visioli seconded it.

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A roll call vote was taken. The Minutes of March 15, 2018 were APPROVED 10-0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Nordstrom thanked Chester Borough for use of their meeting room. Ms. Nordstrom updated Council that the HVAC renovation project is moving along; however, she does not foresee having a Council meeting in our building again until possibly as late as the August meeting.

Ms. Nordstrom then highlighted the following staff activities:

Municipal-Issued Exemptions:

- Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County: Exemption 2 – 1 issued.
- Byram Township, Sussex County: Exemption 4 – 1 issued.
- Clinton Township, Hunterdon County: Exemption 4 – 1 issued.
- Harmony Township, Warren County: Exemption 1 – 1 issued.
- Jefferson Township, Morris County: Exemption 4 – 1 issued.
- Mahwah Township, Bergen County: Exemption 1 – 5 issued; Exemption 2 – 15 issued; Exemption 4 – 9 issued; Exemption 5 – 2 issued.

HDC Bank Credit Allocation & Purchase Update

- HDC Allocations
 - Union Township, Hunterdon County, Block 2, Lot 1.06
 - 3.98 acres non-residential
 - Rockaway Township, Morris County, Block 20001, Lot 4
 - 158.70 acres residential

Ms. Nordstrom also updated the Council on the following items:

Lake Hopatcong Commission Planning Grant

Ms. Nordstrom noted that, as discussed at Council's March meeting, the Highlands Council has finalized contract materials with the Lake Hopatcong Commission for a Lake Management Planning Grant for the Upper Musconetcong Watershed. Grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$109,000 will be used to assist the Lake Hopatcong Commission in the development of a Watershed Implementation Plan. This funding is provided through the Highlands Protection Fund, per resolution 2017-13. The grant will provide the Commission with access to additional grant funding from USEPA and NJDEP. Council staff is also working with the Greenwood Lake Commission on a potentially similar project.

Open Space Program

On Tuesday, May 1 the Highlands Council opened a new funding round in the Highlands Open Space Partnership Funding program – the Council's matching grant program. A public notice was issued, and notice was sent to officials at every Highlands municipality and county. The deadline for applications is Friday, June 1.

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Annual Report

On April 19, the Highlands Council released its 2017 Annual Report. As required by the Highlands Act, copies of the report were sent to the Governor, the Legislature, and the governing bodies and chief executive officers of each municipality and county in the Highlands Region.

In closing, Ms. Nordstrom thanked Kurt Alstede for his service as Acting Chair and congratulated new Chairman Richko.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Richko thanked Governor Murphy for appointing him as chairperson. Chair Richko met with Pete Cammarano, Governor Murphy's Chief of Staff, and Catherine McCabe, Acting Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Chair Richko looks forward to working with the present administration, DEP, Governor's office, his fellow Council members, and Highlands staff. Chair Richko asked the public to continue sharing their ideas/comments with the Council. Chair Richko looks forward to working with any new appointed members to the Council, which he anticipates will be three.

At this time, Members Holtaway, Dressler, and Visioli congratulated Chair Richko on his appointment.

Resolution – Election of Vice Chair

Chair Richko asked for a nomination and motion on the Election of Vice Chair.

Member James nominated Kurt Alstede and moved to adopt a resolution appointing him as Vice Chair.

No public comment was taken.

A roll call vote was taken. The resolution was APPROVED 9-1.

Resolution – Election of Treasurer

Chair Richko asked for a nomination and motion on the Election of Treasurer.

Member Alstede nominated Robert Holtaway and moved to adopt a resolution appointing him as Treasurer.

No public comment was taken.

A roll call vote was taken. The resolution was APPROVED 10-0.

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Resolution – Appointment of Highlands Development Credit Bank Chair

Chair Richko asked for a nomination and motion on the appointment of the Highlands Development Credit Bank Chair.

Member Dressler nominated Robert Walton and moved a resolution appointing him as Highlands Development Credit Bank Chair.

No public comment was taken.

A roll call vote was taken. The resolution was APPROVED 9-1.

At this time, Chair Richko announced Council committee updates and new designations* to the Highlands Development Credit Bank:

Council Committees	Chair	Members
Audit	Robert Walton	Michael Sebetich, Tim Dougherty
Audit Evaluation	Tracy Carluccio	Michael Francis, Mike Dressler
Budget & Finance	Bob Holtaway	Bruce James, Jim Visioli, Carl Richko
Personnel - <i>On hold</i>	--	--
Bylaws	Richard Vohden	Tim Dougherty, Michael Francis, Bruce James, Michael Dressler
Plan Conformance	Michael Dressler	Tracy Carluccio, Richard Vohden, Carl Richko
Roxbury Water Quality – <i>ending this committee, reinstate if needed</i>	--	--
RMP Amendment	Kurt Alstede	Michael Dressler, Michael Sebetich, Robert Holtaway, Richard Vohden, Carl Richko
Landowner Equity and Land Preservation	Rob Walton	Robert Holtaway, Michael Francis, James Visioli
Affordable Housing	Jim Visioli	Bruce James, Robert Walton

2018 HIGHLANDS DEVELOPMENT CREDIT BANK CRITERIA	BANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Highlands Council Chairperson	Carl Richko
Two Members of the Highlands Council	Robert Holtaway & Robert Walton
Member of the State TDR Bank or Bank's Executive Director	Susan E. Payne
Member of Garden State Preservation Trust	Greg Romano
Member of general public, expertise in land development & redevelopment	Rusty Fricke*
Member of general public, expertise in land conservation and stewardship	Richard Nieuwenhuis*
Member of the public – farmer	Dale Davis III
Member of the public, expertise in banking, finance, or land economics	Andrew R. McElroy

Chair Richko opened the meeting to the public for any other comments.

Public Comment

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Deborah Post, Chester Township – Ms. Post commented on the new Council leadership, today's agenda, and Governor Murphy's current administration and, in her opinion, platform regarding growth.

Hank Klumpp, Tewksbury, NJ – Mr. Klumpp spoke in opposition of the Highlands Act, which due to a scientific study put his property in the Presentative Area of the Highlands. Mr. Klumpp also commented on the legislature's promise to compensate landowners.

David Shope, Lebanon Township, NJ – Mr. Shope commented regarding the new workload of COAH requirements. Mr. Shope asked what progress has been made regarding these settlements.

Member Visioli responded that as chair of the Affordable Housing committee, the committee will discuss these settlements.

Monique Purcell, Department of Agriculture – Ms. Purcell congratulated Chair Richko and Vice Chair Alstede and looks forward to working with them.

Member Vohden was present at 4:29pm.

Member Holtaway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member James seconded it. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:29pm.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council.

Date: 7-19-18

Name: Annette Tagliareni
Annette Tagliareni, Executive Assistant

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**Vote on the Approval of
The Minutes**

	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Councilmember Alstede			✓			
Councilmember Carluccio			✓			
Councilmember Dougherty			✓			
Councilmember Dressler	✓		✓			
Councilmember Francis			✓			
Councilmember Holtaway		✓	✓			
Councilmember James			✓			
Councilmember Sebetich			✓			
Councilmember Visioli			✓			
Councilmember Vohden						✓
Councilmember Walton						✓
Chair Richko			✓			