

Chapter 7

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

GENERAL REFERENCES

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§ 7-1. Establishment. [Amended 9-5-1989 by Ord. No. 1989-9]

The Township of Holland Environmental Commission is hereby established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:56A-1 to 40:56A-12.

§ 7-2. Membership; compensation; Chairman; terms; removal.

- A. The Commission shall consist of seven regular members, appointed by the Mayor. One of the regular members shall also be a member of the Planning Board, and all regular members shall be residents of the Township of Holland. **[Amended 3-15-2011 by Ord. No. 2011-5]**
- B. The members shall serve without compensation. **[Amended 3-15-2011 by Ord. No. 2011-5]**
- C. The Mayor shall designate one of the members to serve as Chairman and presiding officer of the Commission.
- D. The terms of office of the regular members of the Commission shall be three years, except that the terms of office of the two regular members first appointed in 2011, when the regular membership is expanded from five to seven members, shall be one one-year term and one two-year term so that the term of office of not more than three regular members shall expire in any one year thereafter. **[Amended 5-20-1974; 3-15-2011 by Ord. No. 2011-5]**
- E. The Mayor or Township Committee may remove any member of the Commission for cause, on written charges served upon the member and after a hearing thereon at which the member shall be entitled to be heard in person or by counsel. A vacancy on the Commission occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment. "Cause" shall be deemed to include, but not be limited to, absence by a member, without reasonable excuse and prior notice thereof to the Chairman, from three consecutive regular or special meetings or absence, without reasonable excuse and prior notice thereof to the Chairman, from three regular or special meetings within any six-month period. **[Added 3-20-1979]**

§ 7-3. Purpose; powers.

- A. The Commission is established for the protection, development or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within the territorial limits of the Township of Holland.
- B. The Commission shall have the power to conduct research into the use and possible use of the open land areas of the Township and may coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes and may advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets which, in its judgment, it deems necessary for its purposes. It shall keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including open marshlands, swamps and other wetlands, in order to obtain information on the proper use of such areas, and may from time to time recommend to the Planning Board plans and programs for inclusion in the Master Plan and the development and use of such areas.

§ 7-4. Acquisitions. [Amended 9-5-1989 by Ord. No. 1989-9]

The Environmental Commission may, subject to the approval of the Township Committee, acquire property, both real and personal, in the name of the Township by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, devise or lease for any of its purposes and shall administer the same for such purposes subject to the terms of the conveyance or gift. Such an acquisition may be to acquire the fee or any lesser interest, development right, easement (including conservation easement), covenant or other contractual right (including a conveyance on conditions or with limitations or reversions), as may be necessary to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, limit the future use or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas in the Township.

§ 7-5. Records; annual report. [Amended 9-5-1989 by Ord. No. 1989-9]

The Environmental Commission shall keep records of its meetings and activities and make an annual report to the Township Committee.

§ 7-6. Appointment of employees. [Amended 5-20-1974]

The Commission may appoint such clerks and other employees as it may from time to time require, provided that the same shall be within the limits of funds appropriated to it by the Township Committee.

§ 7-7. Studies and recommendations. [Amended 5-20-1974]

The Environmental Commission shall have the power to study and make recommendations concerning open-space preservation, water resources management, air-pollution control, solid waste management, noise control, soil and landscape protection, environmental appearance, marine resources and protection of flora and fauna.