

Haworth Environmental Commission
Minutes
January 22, 2013

Present: Christine Contillo, Mary Beth Postman, Nancy Wysocki, Polly Zurlini

Council Liaison: Anthony Volpe

Absent: Peggy Blumenthal, Ben Goldstein, David Roth

Reorganization: The meeting was called to order by Christine Contillo at 8:10. Due notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act. The Commission members unanimously voted for Nancy Wysocki to serve as Chairperson, Christine Contillo to serve as Vice Chairperson, and Peggy Blumenthal to serve as Secretary.

Mary Beth Postman was welcomed as the new Commission member.

The Commission will continue to meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 8pm.

Regular Meeting:

Nancy Wysocki called the meeting to order at 8:20.

Planning Bd. Meeting: Nancy reported that a representative from United Water and Green Vest gave a presentation regarding a project to mitigate and restore 14.1 acres of wetlands on United Water property near Lake Shore Dr. About 1 acre is in Haworth, and the rest is in Closter. Invasive species will be replaced with native plants and shrubs. A fence will be placed around some of the property to keep the deer out. The NY and NJ Port Authority will be funding the project. Anthony recommended that students visit the area and be informed as to how the project will help naturalize the area.

School Education: Nancy spoke with two volunteers that give environmental presentations each year to 4th and 6th grade and is waiting to hear back from a third one. Polly offered to be the liaison between the school and the educators to set up the dates.

Clean Communities Grant: It was suggested that some of the grant money be put toward the purchase of environmental educational booklets.

Tree Ordinance: Suggestions for the Tree Ordinance were discussed. It will be further reviewed.

The next meeting date is **Tuesday, February 26th at 8:00 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wysocki

