

Regular meeting of the Haworth  
Planning Board on May 15, 2013, at the  
Municipal Center.

**PRESENT:** Thomas Ference, Chairman  
John DeRienzo, Mayor  
Andrew Rosenberg, Councilman  
Andrew Anderson  
Edmond Ezra, Public Official  
Alan Grossberg  
Leona Kosmac  
Joan Landesman  
Bernard Troy

Mark Madaio, Board Attorney  
Michael Hakim, Planner

**ABSENT:**

Mark Lichtblau  
Bruce Steinthal

David Hals, Board Engineer

Mr. Ference called the meeting to order and upon roll call, the above members were present.

Mrs. Landesman, Ms. Kosmac, and Mr. Ezra arrived a short time later.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 2013 meeting were reviewed.

Mr. Troy moved to accept the minutes as presented subject to the rights of absent members for statements directly attributed to them.

Seconded by Mr. Grossberg and unanimously carried.

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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Certificate of membership from the New Jersey Planning Officials
- New Jersey Planner
- Notice from Mrs. Fay reminding everyone that it is necessary for them to file their Financial Disclosure Form by May 31<sup>st</sup>.  
  
*Mrs. Landesman arrived.*
- All other correspondence related to matters being discussed this evening.

### **AGENDA**

- Discussion regarding adding a maximum front yard setback provision to the Limiting Schedule  
  
Mr. Ference commented that this was a straight forward idea as long as it was done in a way that it didn't create other issues. He said that Mr. Hakim would be prepared to discuss this matter next month.
- Review of a draft of the Sustainability Action Memo  
  
*Ms. Kosmac arrived.*

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor DeRienzo report that there had been news about COAH taking money back to various towns. He elaborated and explained how it would work.  
  
*Mr. Ezra Arrived.*  
  
Mayor DeRienzo stated that he would keep everyone up to date on what was happening.
- Mayor DeRienzo reported that a resident had hired an arborist to look at four properties around theirs. The arborist concluded that there were trees which needed to be taken down.

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Mayor DeRienzo explained that these residents referred to the Borough's Obnoxious Growth Ordinance and they had their attorney send documents to the property owners notifying them that they had dead trees on their property and they were violating this Ordinance.

Mayor DeRienzo advised the Board that this was an issue which would be handled by the Mayor and Council.

### **COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilman Rosenberg reported that a draft of the Ordinance has been sent to the Environmental Commission and they were asked for their comments.

Mr. Ference stated that it has also been sent to the Planning Board for review since it is a land-use issue.

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

Mr. Ference stated that based on discussions with the Board when the Sustainability Document first came to them as well as comments from the Board, they had requested that Mr. Hakim provide them with a revised version.

Mr. Ference explained that this was a planning document - one of concept and principle - and if they adopted this document, there would be items which would call for action on the part of the Mayor and Council. He pointed out that the Governing Body made their own choices and would decide whether they wanted to take action. He went over the process.

Mr. Ference said that he separated those items which called for an ordinance action. He said that the question was whether this memo now captured what the Board wanted to put before the Mayor and Council. Mr. Ference explained that simple changes were made to some areas, and the areas with questions had "comments" boxes with the initials of the Board member who raised the questions.

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The draft of the Sustainability Action Memo was reviewed, there was discussion, some language was refined, and changes were made to various sections including those which referred to recycling batteries and consumer electronics; disposing of paint, chemicals, and medications; installing solar panels on and around the Haworth Elementary School and Borough property; rules for development of the downtown area; and, guidelines for Department of Public Works' functions.

There also was discussion about asking the White Beeches Country Club to comply with Best Practices.

Mr. Ference asked Mr. Hakim to provide a written explanation which could be sent to them.

Mr. Ference stated that at the June meeting, the Board would discuss whether and how they wanted to approach Best Practices. He said that there would also be one item on the agenda relating to the Limiting Schedule.

There being no further business, Mr. Troy moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Mr. Grossberg and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dolores Fazio O'Dowd