

Regular meeting of the
Haworth Environmental Commission
February 26, 2020

Attended by:

Cynthia Soroka-Dunn
Mary Beth Postman
Bruce Steintal
Louise Reich
Council Member, Heather Wasser

Did not attend:

Polly Zurlini
Andy Anderson

The meeting commenced at 7:09 pm.

Plastics Ordinance

Discussion of content of sign to be placed in store windows to advise customers about Plastics Ordinance. Sample sign approved by Environmental Commission.

Discussion about which vendors were complying with Ordinance and which were resistant.
Review and approval of minutes from previous month's meeting with one minor change: Heather Wasser rather than Shade Tree Commission will introduce Tree Ordinance.

Solar Energy

Discussion about getting rates for solar energy.
Mayor will reach out to school and they will work together to explore opportunities for installing solar energy on buildings in Haworth.
Heather will call West Milford to find out about their experience installing solar panels on 5 of their 6 schools.

Sustainable New Jersey

Haworth wants to join Sustainable New Jersey
We have not yet reviewed details of requirements for membership
Membership would make us eligible for additional grants.

Budget

Expected budget line is \$1000 based on preliminary approval by Council.
If approved we will receive funds at the end of March.

New Tree Ordinance

Dina from the Shade Tree Commission is comparing the old and new ordinances.
The previous ordinance was supported by both the Shade Tree Commission and the Environmental Commission.
More research will be done on other town ordinances.

Association of NJ Environmental Commissions

Funds from new budget appropriation will be used to pay for membership.

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Earth Fair

The Earth Fair will take place on or about April 26th.

Motion to use funds from current year's budget to pay for participation introduced and passed.

Terry will promote our new Plastics Ordinance at Fair.

Recycling Vendor

We need to follow up on calls made to our new recycling vendor for information about costs and

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disposal of recycled materials.

Suez Water Company

Suez is being sued by ratepayer advocate because it is requiring that customers pay for infrastructure projects. Decision expected in 45 days.

Reservoir is not well maintained. Grounds are dirty and there have been unleashed dogs in the area. Suez has been asked for comment.

Haworth Open Spaces

Commission member Andy Anderson provided other Commission members with maps of open spaces in Haworth.

Discussion about dedicating some land to the creation of a nature center. Many surrounding towns have nature centers.

Discussion about approaching Green Acres to purchase some of open land to protect it from development.

Mention of new Electric Car ordinance but no discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.