

Regular Meeting of Haworth Environmental Commission
Virtual Meeting on Zoom
June 30, 2021

Present: Bruce Steintal, Chair
Andrew Anderson
Louise Reich
Mary Beth Topor
Heather Wasser, Council Liaison

Absent: Mary Beth Postman
Nick Schneider
Polly Zurlini

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Styrofoam Recycling

Ms. Wasser said we should look into applying for a grant from Sustainable Jersey that would allow Haworth to set up collection site for styrofoam which would then be compressed. Company collecting the styrofoam is based out of Haskell, NJ. All styrofoam would be collected except for packing peanuts and food containers. Ms. Wasser said this may be a good option since clean-up was so successful and that it brings awareness to our community. Mr. Anderson stated that no one keeps styrofoam and if Haworth was to do the drive, word would have to get out early and possibly include other neighboring communities. Ms. Reich also agreed and stated it's a good way to keep styrofoam out of the landfills. Mr. Steintal volunteered to research details of styrofoam recycling.

Planning Board

Mr. Anderson stated there was no update from the Planning Board regarding the application for Affordable Housing Project on Massachusetts Ave.

ANJEC Electrical Charging Station

It was suggested that Haworth EC look at Princeton's website that has an ordinance in place for EV. Town of Princeton, NJ have Level 1 and Level 2 stations that require a permit and allow accessory uses. There are also Level 3 stations that are zoned for any use, except single-family installation. Town of Princeton looking into revising ordinance to include EV stations in new parking lots, Affordable Housing, new buildings, etc. and Police and Firefighter Departments may start using EV.

Ms. Wasser said the EV concept still has support from the Mayor and Council. Mr. Anderson will continue to look into this matter.

Summer Meetings

Mr. Steintal, being new chair, wondered about EC meetings during the summer months and will ask who will be available to attend.

Possible in-person meetings starting soon was questioned.

Meeting Open to the Public

Cynthia Soroka mentioned she emailed Ms. Wasser about the Tennessee Gas Pipeline which would include a compressor station near Ringwood, NJ. Many surrounding towns have opposed the compressor and mentioned that people in Middletown have gotten sick because of it. Ms. Soroka would like the town council and Haworth EC to read and follow up on in the next meeting about a resolution against the compressor.

Meeting was motioned to adjourn by Andy Anderson and Louise Reich seconded at 7:27 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Topor