

Minutes of Environmental Commission Meeting – May 16, 2022

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89653798743?pwd=YkNjeWRLV3NqV1ZLSmpVeDEwbGtldz09>

Members Present: Andy Anderson, Meghan Knaggs, Mary Beth Postman, Alisa Saporito, Atiye Timuralp

Approval of minutes –

Motion to approve minutes of March 21, 2022 (Knaggs, Saporita seconded)

Motion carries

Old business

- Seventh commission member – Please reach out to Heather if you have any good candidates
- Electric vehicles – Andy has to confer with Building Inspector as it costs \$ for a permit to do electric in garage for EV. Andy will speak and get back to us.
- Annual report – Andy sent the report a few weeks on April 12, Motion to approve annual report (Postman, Timuralp seconded)
Motion carries
- Index of open spaces – Maps are available at Andy's house for pick up/review. We would need to review for our index. Andy will send out a rough draft outline.
- Spring cleanup – Looked like a good showing at the beginning of the day; it was the same day as the town wide garage sale; we need more than one cleanup; Meghan will reach out to the school;
- Tree protection – Discussion of tree ordinance; consensus that we want do something and will work on a school competition on importance of trees and have trees planted, etc. Arbor Day is April 29th. Meghan will talk to school along with her friends. Mayor and Council are looking at the tree ordinance. As a Commission, we want to do something for the trees and we read the proposal and we believe there should be changes.

The Commission worked on the following statement:

The Environmental Commission recognizes the need to protect all trees in Haworth on both public and private land. We believe there is a need for some regulation to protect trees on private land and have reviewed the 2020 proposal but it needs refinement. The Boro should also be doing more to protect public trees. The Environmental Commission will work with the Haworth school on educating students and the community on the importance of trees and the need for planting more. We hope to come up with a plan to incentivize community members to plant more trees.

Motion to approve above statement for the Mayor and Council (Postman, Saporito)

Andy – No
Alisa – Yes
Meghan - Yes
Atiye – Yes
Mary Beth – Yes

Motion carries.

New business

- Solar contracting document – Town Engineer sent information on contracting for DPW solar project. The Environmental Commissions supports the solar project at the DPW yard
Motion to approve the above statement (Postman, Knaggs seconded) Motion carries

Motion to adjourn (Knaggs, Saporita seconded) at 9:01pm