

Special meeting of the Haworth  
Planning Board on November 20, 2018,  
at the Municipal Center.

**PRESENT** Dennis Posen, Chairman  
John Smart, Mayor  
Andrew Anderson, Vice Chairman  
Amy Albalah  
Edmond Ezra, Public Official  
Leona Kosmac, Secretary/Treasurer  
Nancy Minikes

Caroline Reiter, Board Planner

**ABSENT:** Antonio Cammalleri  
Andrew Rosenberg, Councilman

John D'Anton, Board Attorney  
Joseph Vince, Board Engineer

Mr. Posen called the meeting to order and upon roll call, the above members were present. Councilman Rosenberg and Mr. Cammalleri gave notice that they would not be able to attend this meeting. Mrs. Reiter called to say she would be arriving late.

Due notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

In essence, the following transpired.

### **AGENDA**

Mr. Posen announced that since Mr. D'Anton was not present this evening, the Bray Resolution would be reviewed in December.

The Whitman Street Application would be heard at the next meeting.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 2018 meeting were reviewed.

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

Seconded by Mrs. Minikes.

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Discussion:

Mr. Anderson asked that page 48, 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph be changed to read, ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Posen asked if everyone had completed the NJDEP Storm Water Training Course.+

Mr. Ezra changed his motion to accept the minutes as presented and upon voice vote, all members voted ~~A~~ye.+

Mr. Posen noted that there were no members of the public present.

There was discussion.

Mr. Posen entertained a motion to close the meeting to go into Closed Session in order to discuss a matter in litigation.

Mr. Ezra so moved.

Seconded by Mrs. Minikes and unanimously carried.

*Mrs. Reiter arrived.*

Mr. Posen opened the meeting to the public

## **MASTER PLAN**

Mr. Posen talked about setting additional meeting dates on the calendar. He said that they had been meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. and that was good. Mr. Posen noted that there will be a sub-division on the agenda at the January 2019 meeting and the Master Plan will be discussed first until 9 p.m.

Mr. Posen called for a short break.

Mr. Posen re-opened the meeting to the public.

Mrs. Reiter referred to the minutes and the Re-Examination Report from May 15, 2018 and pointed out that the blue and yellow marks out-lined areas relating to goals and objectives. She said they got up to page 3 the last time they met.

Mrs. Reiter went over the topics which had been discussed.

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Mr. Posen talked about including walking and running paths on and around the water plant, the White Beeches Country Club, and Maple Street. He said it was very dangerous to walk on Sunset Avenue and asked about the possibility of working with the White Beeches Country Club and/or water company to develop a path on Sunset Avenue.

There was discussion and Mrs. Reiter said they would have to look into and update residents recommendations.

Mr. Anderson said that there had been discussion for some improvements on the upgrade of paths for bikes.

Mayor Smart stated that Lake Shore Drive had just been repaved but it was not a proper road. He elaborated and also talked about the cost.

Ms. Kosmac said that Lake Shore Drive was not a road - it was a right of way.

There was discussion about widening and expanding roads.

Mr. Anderson said that Lake Shore Drive should remain closed to thru traffic.

Mrs. Reiter suggested that they propose the Master Plan show that they do not want that road to be expanded.

Mr. Anderson felt that that road had nothing to do with the Master Plan and it should be left out.

Mrs. Reiter explained that if something was to come up in 5-6 years, it could be considered.

There was discussion about keeping the road closed and Mr. Posen said that he supported simple language.

There was discussion about parked busses.

Mayor Smart said they have had a couple of meetings on this and it was decided that the busses would go to another area if there was an overflow at the bus stop. He said that the bus drivers have even pulled over on Haworth Avenue and Park Street for 5 minutes.

Mrs. Reiter stated that the parked buses problem should be resolved and mentioned in the Master Plan.

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Mrs. Albalah stated that the intersection at Maple Street and Haworth Avenue had a blind spot and was very dangerous.

Mr. Posen said that he would be interested to know how many accidents occurred there. He said the traffic had increased enormously.

Mrs. Reiter responded that there were things she could do to get information on that intersection.

Mrs. Minikes said there should be language on monitoring and making sure the area was safe.

There was discussion about paper streets. A question was asked about the paper streets adjacent to home owners being abandoned and if they could be combined into the adjacent property.

Mrs. Reiter responded that she did not think that towns wished to develop them any more.

Senior Van Service was discussed. It was noted that the town still has van service and funding had been discontinued. Right now Haworth is partnered with Harrington Park and Closter.

Mrs. Reiter suggested that they should have more discussion about making the town walkable and put it in, %Open Space.+

Mayor Smart pointed out that there was a State program which defined what completed streets were in relation to curbs and sidewalks. He said this was something which has not been done in Haworth. Mayor Smart said that when applying for a grant, they want to know if we have guidelines and principles for the town. He said that they have not adopted these requirements and it puts the town in jeopardy of getting grants.

Barrier-free curb ramps were brought up and Mayor Smart advised that a few had been added.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that there aren't many sidewalks in town and wondered if more could be added. He said that some people could not walk or run far but they could ride a bike.

Mr. Posen said there was a tiny strip of sidewalk for four houses on Sunset Avenue.

There was discussion on whether it was a County Road.

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Mr. Anderson said that it was not a requirement for a County road to have sidewalks on existing property, only on new property.

Mrs. Reiter said they could talk about it.

Mayor Smart stated that the County or town puts the first one in and then it is up to the home owner to maintain it.

Mr. Posen said they should have sidewalks that are ADA accessible.

Mayor Smart suggested that they also talk about bicycle lanes.

Mr. Anderson said that the first step would be mapping. There should not just be paths for pedestrians.

Mrs. Reiter stated that the Circulating Plan is a Land Use Law.

There was discussion.

Mrs. Reiter asked if it was something they might want to do in the future. She said that recreation was another factor of it.

Ms. Kosmac stated that they had to be careful about interpretation.

Mrs. Reiter pointed out that they would need equipment to clear trails and Mayor Smart responded that they had already purchased that equipment.

There was discussion about supply and delivery of utilities.

Mrs. Reiter said that they had a green element on the Master Plan - solar power.

Ms. Kosmac asked where in the Master Plan was it appropriate to talk about water and monitoring water quality.

There was discussion about what was found when the water was tested and how SUEZ tests the water.

Mr. Anderson talked about where the water comes from; he explained what has been done and how they could get reports.

Mayor Smart talked about all of the filtration systems and how it was regulated.

