

Regular Meeting of the Haworth  
Environmental Commission on January 30, 2019  
at the Municipal Center

Present: Heather Wasser, Councilwoman  
James Zagelmeyer, Chairman  
Andrew Anderson  
Mary Beth Postman  
Louise Reich  
Mary Beth Topor

Absent: Cynthia Soroka-Dunn  
Polly Zurlini

Mr. Zagelmeyer called the meeting to order. Due notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public meetings Act.

Idling of Vehicles

There was discussion about how to reduce the amount of vehicles idling in areas of the Borough. A combination of education and then enforcement in conformance with State law was suggested. Mr. Zagelmeyer requested that Ms. Wasser discuss with the Police Commissioner the use of the digital sign for messaging and the potential for police warnings and ticketing. Mr. Anderson volunteered to check on the use of the Borough newsletter and/or website for messaging.

Northern Valley Earth Fair

Mr. Zagelmeyer stated that he has been contacted by the organizers of the Northern Valley Earth Fair regarding participation. The fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Tenafly Middle School. Discussion followed regarding the benefits of participation by the Environmental Commission. Ms. Wasser will check on the status of the Commission's budget in regard to registration fee for the fair. Mr. Zagelmeyer will speak to the fair's organizers regarding appropriate participation. Potential topics for presentations, handouts, and activities for the fair will be discussed at the February meeting of the Commission.

North Bergen Liberty Generating Plant

Mr. Zagelmeyer said that there has been opposition to this proposed plant in the meadowlands by environmental groups and municipalities. Several municipalities in Bergen County have passed resolutions opposing the project. The commission will consider recommending such a resolution to the governing body at the February meeting.

Solar Panels on New Construction

Mark Kahn, a resident of the Borough, sent a letter requesting that the Borough establish an ordinance requiring that solar panels be included in all newly constructed buildings, significant additions, and new roofs. The objective of such a statute would be to decrease the use of fossil fuels and the related negative consequences to the environment. Discussion followed. The general sense of the Commission was that the Borough should support and encourage solar power, but not mandate its use.

Sustainable Jersey Certification

The organization Sustainable Jersey has a program for certifying municipalities. Mr. Anderson volunteered to present information on this program at the net meeting.

Liaison with Haworth School

The benefits of working with the school were discussed. Mr. Zagelmeyer volunteered to speak to the school administration.

Cleanup Day

Planning for a cleanup day was discussed. Mr. Zagelmeyer volunteered to contact local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops to gauge interest within those groups.

Respectfully submitted

A.R. Anderson