



PUBLIC NOTICE

HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Environmental Advisory Committee will hold a virtual public meeting on February 02, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting will be hosted through a web meeting platform (Gotomeeting). If you would like to view the meeting or submit a question to the Environmental Advisory Committee, please email Peter S. Puglionesi – Co-Chair - at peter.puglionesi@appliedehs.com or Joy Baxter – Co-Chair – at joybaxter@gmail.com. For those who want to attend virtually a link will be emailed to them.



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MINUTES

HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

Environmental Advisory Committee

February 02, 2021

In Attendance

EAC Members 2020-2021: Noel Smyth (1 - D'Emilio) – Allison Carpenter (2 - Oliva) – Megan Schuster Goold (3 - McClusky) – Melisa Romano (4 - Siegel) – Victor Barsky (5 - Lewis) – Rob Graff (6 - Holmes) – Henry Eichman (7 - Quinn) – Peter Puglionesi (8 - Hart) – Hank Schwab (9 - Wechsler) – EAC Appointees – Joy Baxter, Steven Clark; Aurora Dizel, **Township Liaison** Peter Hickman **Visitors/Volunteers:** Aimee Cuthbertson (Asst Twp Mgr.), Jada Ackley (ICLEI Climate Plan Intern), Victor Donnay, Jim Stephens, Sean Gallagher, Brian Sullivan; Peter Hickman - Township Liaison. NOTE: web-meeting posted on web site, public can email request to participate.

Approval of Minutes

Prior Meeting Minutes Approval (by P. Puglionesi): motion by R. Graff; seconded V. Barsky; unanimous.

Volunteer to Prepare Tonight's Minutes: P. Puglionesi.

Recycling / Composting Subcommittee (J. Baxter, H. Eichman, V. Barsky, N. Smyth, M. Romano)

Env. Justice/Zero Waste Resolution: EAC reviewed N. Smyth's draft resolution requesting DelCo evaluation of alternatives before entering into another 5 year contract. M. Schuster Goold discussed information available in the Title V permit with respect to emissions and control devices. J. Baxter discussed the potential for the facility to replace DelCo trash with trash from outside the area. DelCo has no authority regarding the plant's right to operate; this resolution is focused on DelCo discretion for awarding its next 5 year contract.

ACTION: N. Smyth will discuss the resolution with his Commissioner and P. Puglionesi with Comm. Hart.

ACTION: EAC will circulate and vote on a revised draft resolution after the meeting.

ACTION: N. Smyth will prepare a brief presentation to the Board on the resolution and the previously reviewed life cycle environmental analysis study (<https://www.ipoint-systems.com/blog/burn-or-bury-analyzing-3-waste-management-options-in-detail/>) and other information from Chester Residents Concerned for Quality living (<https://www.chesterresidents.org/>).

E-Waste Recycling and Shredding: April 10 (shredding) and May 22 (EWaste) events have been posted on EAC Facebook page.

Smoke Alarm/Fire Extinguisher Proposal: No updates from Comm. Hart or Wechsler (Fire Board liaison).

Composting: Twp subsidized composters arrived and will be available at the CREC for residents who attend webinars at \$25 and the next one is scheduled 4/21.

ACTION: J. Baxter to follow up on offer for food composting drop-off events with D. Burman.

ACTION: J. Stephens volunteered to update “How to Recycle Everything Else”.

ACTION: Melisa to coordinate TerraCycle recycling group, facebook posting, communication.

Climate Action Subcommittee (S. Clark, R. Graff, J. Baxter, N. Smyth, J. Stephens, M. Romano)

Climate Action Plan Update/Actions: A. Cuthbertson and J. Ackley (ICLEI intern) reviewed possible strategies for Community Engagement to get public input on the Climate Plan. EAC is serving as the de facto task force assisting in the planning effort. We reviewed our historical strategies of using public events (not an option now), virtual workshops, social media and emailer outreach. Suggestions included holding a virtual information/input session, an on-line survey (consider Yale Climate Opinion Map, <https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/visualizations-data/ycom-us/>) and email outreach via both township/commissioner vehicles and EAC traditional social media and emailer avenues.

ACTION: Schedule follow-up virtual meeting with the climate subcommittee to review approach.

Earth Day April, 2021. Discussed virtual program with Aurora Dizel. The planned Composting workshop will remain on 4/21 7 pm and EAC will provide a consolidated climate action workshop on Saturday morning 4/17, 9 - 12 (probably 60-90 minutes or broken up into topics). Weatherizing was suggested, but would need a presenter.

ACTION: Volunteers needed to present Earth Day Workshops on climate action/energy efficiency.

Solarize DelCo Outreach/PR: outreach and evaluation of candidates continues for 2021.

Villanova Support Project for Climate Activities: J Villanova MBA student spring semester project to assist in outreach and “marketing” kickoff was held via zoom on 2/1/21.

Township Solar Committee: Twp ad hoc committee to be selected by BoC next week to advise on solar installations (bond budgeted at \$500K/\$500K in 2021/2022).

Clean Energy Coop – SE Chapter: J. Baxter reported sufficient members joined to form a new SE chapter and a Coop meeting to vote on a charter revision is scheduled for March. Objective is to help fund new solar projects for non-profits, government entities and businesses.

Delaware County Sustainability Commission update – (S. Clark) no updates.

RF100 Regional Activities: No updates.

Twp Bldg Energy Conservation Study - No update, included in the 2021 budget.

ACTION A. Cuthbertson to draft a building energy efficiency study RFP (CREC, Skatium, Twp. Bldg).

EVs and EVSEs (charging stations): Discussed Twp agenda item to purchase Ford hybrid SUV as 4th police vehicle purchase of 2021. Future tasks – Further revised parking ordin. to enforce low emission vehicle signage; zoning/development condo/apartment requirements.

Quarterly Climate Meeting: Next meeting tentatively 3/5/21 virtual meeting.

Regional Municipal/County Solar PPA: No updates.

Regional Collaboratives: EV transition webinar upcoming (<https://phillyclimatecollab.com/>).

School District Update: No updates.

Green Business Award: No updates.

Plastic Bag Ordinance (J. Stevens, P. Puglionesi)

No updates. On hold due to COVID and new additional 1 year ban inserted in a budget law putting a hold on local laws until July 1, 2021 or 6 months after the COVID pandemic emergency is lifted.

ACTION: P. Puglionesi to discuss HPED bag idea with Jeanne Angell after the initial BoC action.

Storm Water & Rain Garden Subcommittee (DL, PSP, HE, DH, DS, NS)

No updates. Old action items:

ACTION: V. Donnay to provide a college student point of contact for Rain Garden program.

ACTION: Volunteer needed to draft revisions to the ordinance to clarify on retrofit connections. Also need a Township Development Spec. modification to allow permeable paving.

Upcoming Events

EAC Coordination / Summit Oct 14th, 2020 6:00-8:30 pm. Need to issue minutes.

2020 Haverford Township Day, Oct 3, 2020. Tabled, cancelled. J. Knox to train new coordinator.

ACTION: Need a volunteer to coordinate the 2021 HT Day Green Zone.

Social Media

EAC Website. Township has begun updating committee web pages, need to find all old attached documents and send update to township.

Social Media. “Friends of Haverford Township EAC”.

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofHaverfordEAC/>

Contributions to Township / Recreation Newsletters.

Christina Mann / Eileen Mottola now responsible. December submitted. **ACTION:** P. Puglionesi to review/submit next one due est. **2/5/21**. (deadlines 12/20, 3/21, 6/21, 9/21). Rec. Department’s HavaGood Times is due 12/20 (3/21, 6/21, 9/21, 12/21).

EAC Annual Report:

2014 done; **ACTION: NEED A NEW VOLUNTEER** Dave Schwartz issued 2015/16 for review; all to review w/in 2 weeks, then we will publish briefer annual reports for 2015/2016/2017. EAC will not present on annual report to BOC in favor of topical presentations as needed.

Superfund Site

Discussed 5 year evaluation again, but no updates.

New Business

Resident Michaela McDonald asked for information on rain gardens and solar for the Old Haverford Friends who are looking for additional environmental initiatives. EAC to forward information.

Next Meeting / Conference Call

7:30 pm; 1st Tuesday of Month except 1/12; 11/9/21 (1 week back).