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PUBLIC NOTICE

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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Environmental Advisory Committee will hold a virtual public meeting on March 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

March 2, 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) –EAC Appointees – Joy Baxter, Steven Clark; Aurora Dizel; **Township Liaison** Peter Hickman **Visitors/Volunteers:**, Jada Ackley (ICLEI Climate Plan Intern), Andrew Back/Pam Kosty, Victor Donnay, Jim Stephens, Sean Gallagher, Melissa Larson, Jessica Lazzaro, Joshua Mintzer (HHS). NOTE: web-meeting posted on web, public can email request to participate.

Approval of Minutes

Prior Meeting Minutes Approval (by P. Puglionesi): motion by H. Eichman; seconded N. Smyth; unanimous.

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

Recycling and Composting Subcommittee (JB, HE, VB, NS, MR)

Env. Justice/Zero Waste Resolution: EAC reviewed N. Smyth's final draft resolution requesting DelCo evaluation of solid waste management alternatives and environmental effects before entering into another 5 year contract. Discussed the limits of what any local government can do, the likelihood they will replace DelCo trash with trash from outside the area and why a study is appropriate (due to the complexity of available alternatives and their environmental effects, need for long-term planning, etc.). Members agreed that the draft resolution's focus on asking DelCo to exercise its contracting discretion and study options carefully for reduction and alternatives is appropriate. Motion by N. Smyth; second P. Puglionesi; unanimous.

E-Waste Recycling and Shredding: April 10 (shredding) and May 22 (E-Waste) events will be further promoted through EAC contributions to Informed Citizen and suggestions for Commissioner emails.

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

Terracycle: M. Romano and J. Lazzaro are coordinating this community initiative.

Composting: Twp subsidized composters at \$25 for residents who attend webinars are going fast and J. Baxter may pursue procuring more. The next webinar is scheduled for 4/21.

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

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

HHS Collaboration (J. Mintzer)

J. Mintzer reviewed the HHS Environmental Club activities including 1/month meetings, mats for the homeless, climate jobs, MIT “En ROADS” (<https://www.climateinteractive.org/tools/en-roads/>) climate solutions tool. He will propose discussion with the club on collaborating on environmental projects.

Climate Action Subcommittee (SC, MG, RG, JB, NS, JS, MR)

Joining Subcommittee: Megan Schuster Goid asked to join the subcommittee.

Earth Day April 17, 2021. A. Dize/P. Hickman shared planned volunteer activities from 9-1 (pollinator garden, invasive removal, rain garden extension, live stakes in the brook banks, birds of prey). J. Baxter will work on the virtual program consisting of 5 – 20 minute shorts on climate topics for the afternoon. The Composting workshop will remain on 4/21 7 pm. Weatherizing presenter still needed.

ACTION: J. Baxter to work on shorter Earth Day Workshop ppts on climate action/energy efficiency.

Climate Action Plan Update/Actions: Presentation draft for March 10 virtual Community Engagement session will be shared by A. Cuthbertson and J. Ackley (ICLEI intern) with the study committee (J. Baxter; S. Clark; R. Graff; P. Puglionesi; M. Romano; N. Smyth). We will assist in PR through social media and emailer outreach.

Solarize DelCo Outreach/PR: outreach and evaluation of candidates continues for 2021. Discussed Radnor proposal to develop a Solarize program and perhaps don’t realize there is a program.

ACTION S. Clark will reach out to ask them to join in on Solarize DelCo.

Villanova Support Project for Climate Activities: J Villanova MBA student spring semester project arranged for building a web site and a team meeting will be held via zoom on 3/23/21.

Township Solar Committee: Twp ad hoc committee was selected by BoC (J. Baxter, V. Donnay, J. Leith; N. Smyth, B. Suplick) and will meet to advise on township solar installations (bond budgeted at \$500K/\$500K in 2021/2022).

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

Delaware County Sustainability Commission update – (S. Clark) C-PACE program may be approved by DelCo Council in April allowing grants from the Sustainable Energy fund for businesses. DVRPC kicked off DelCo involvement in the effort to explore regional/county scale PPAs. Pittsburgh and Baltimore are exploring similar efforts.

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): No updates. Future tasks – Further revised parking ordin. to enforce low emission vehicle signage; zoning/development condo/apartment requirements.

Quarterly Climate Meeting: Next meeting tentatively for 3/5/21, has not been scheduled yet.

Regional Municipal/County Solar PPA: See DelCo Sustainability.

Regional Collaboratives: No updates.

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 (if held).

Social Media

EAC Website. Drafted by M. Romano.

ACTION: P. Puglionesi to review and provide all old referenced documents.

Social Media. "Friends of Haverford Township EAC".

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

Contributions to Township / Recreation Newsletters.

Christina Mann / Eileen Mottola now responsible. February submitted. **ACTION:** P. Puglionesi to review/submit next one due est. **5/5/21**. (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

No updates.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting / Conference Call

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