



PUBLIC NOTICE  
HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP  
Environmental Advisory Board

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the Environmental Advisory Board will hold a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, June 01, 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](mailto:peter.puglionesi@appliedehs.com) or Joy Baxter – Co-Chair – at [joybaxter@gmail.com](mailto:joybaxter@gmail.com). For those who want to attend virtually a link will be emailed to them.



## MINUTES HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

### Environmental Advisory Committee

June 1, 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** Eileen Mottola, Peter Hickman **HHS Liaisons** Antonio Meloni **Visitors/Volunteers:** Jeanne Angell. NOTE: web-meeting posted on web, public can email request to participate.

#### Approval of Minutes

**Prior Meeting Minutes Approval** (by P. Puglionesi): motion by V. Barsky; seconded M. Schuster Goold; unanimous.

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

#### Priority Topics

**Climate Action Plan Update/Actions:** Meeting on 5/24/21 was held to review draft. Final comments are needed with the objective of finishing by the end of June when the intern's employment ends. The intern will circulate an updated draft. P. Puglionesi suggested EAC have a last look at it.

**HTCC Web Site Collaboration Proposal:** Jeanne Angell presented a Haverford Township Civic Council (HTCC), a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to improving township quality of life, proposed web site to serve as a resource on Climate Information and Action. Jeanne will get HTCC approval for a budget if EAC is interested in collaborating. We discussed the "Climate Action Lower Merion" web site as a model, although that web site had content in long pages and may not be as well used as something with more brief lead ins. Motion: Collaborate with HTCC on a new web site for Climate Info and Action; by P. Puglionesi, seconded by M. Goold; Unanimously approved.

#### Communications/Social Media Outreach Subcommittee (AD, MSG, JM, MR)

This new Subcommittee had a meeting to develop a communication plan – M. Goold will create a "friends" Instagram account, Melisa will continue to do Facebook.

**ACTION** J. McCafferty – will inquire about a Girl Scout program and Chestnutwold Roots and Shoots club participation in environmental outreach and Eileen Mottola will help with her scout contacts.

## **Climate Action Subcommittee (SC, MSG, RG, JB, NS, JS, MR)**

**Township Solar Committee (JB, NS, PSP, V. Donnay, J. Leith):** Twp ad hoc committee is preparing a draft scope for a township solar installation RFP (bond budgeted at \$500K/\$500K in 2021/2022) and is in process of getting a solar consultant to provide input for the RFP. They found there is about years left on the CREC Thermoplastic Polyolefin (TPO) 20 year roof warrantee. Actual roof life varies. 30 year warrantees are available for thicker elastomeric materials used on flat roofs. The Township Building may become the recommended first installation since it has a newer roof. The committee requested information on the Twp. Bldg. roof construction and warrantee.

**Videos** from this series of 20 minute shorts on climate topics are now posted on <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwlSP41eRhD0SUyHxGpY9xQ>.

**Villanova Support Project for Climate Activities:** Solarize will be meeting Monday to review the new Solarize DelCo web site.

**Solarize DelCo Outreach/PR:** outreach and candidate evaluation of continues. Hard to gauge success of DelCo Daily Times ¼ page ad, not a huge change in interest. Solarize presented at the 5/21 DelCo Sustainability Commission meeting and the county will participate in the Temple Lutheran ribbon cutting and their PR will assist in getting the word out to the press. No update on “Radnor Solarize” program.

**ACTION** N. Smith will draft 2 press releases, one announcing the project and a second announcing the ribbon cutting with planned church pastor, government officials and Solarize attendees.

**Clean Energy Coop – SE Chapter:** J. Baxter discussed presenting a “cost neutral” proposal at a May meeting with SDHT Facilities. They asked about the RFP process, so reaction was positive. SDHT is already buying “carbon neutral” electricity, although local solar is better because it adds solar capacity.

**Delaware County Sustainability Commission update –** See Solarize above.

**RF100 Regional Activities:** No updates.

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

**ACTION** D. Burman 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:** A meeting was scheduled with the township for June 11.

**Regional Municipal/County Solar PPA:** No updates.

**Regional Collaboratives:** No updates.

**School District Update:** See Coop above.

**Green Business Award:** No updates.

## **HHS Collaboration (J. Mintzer, A. Meloni)**

A. Meloni indicated the HHS Environmental Club will have someone to do time lapse photography with an I-phone and spare battery for the June 6 Hav-a-Rain Garden build they are adopting. Over summer, there are several students who offered to help with Solarize DelCo information door drops. He is making a web site on environmental justice w/focus on Urban Gardens and mentioned he is active in the Friends of Wissahickon that has many opportunities for volunteering.

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

**E-Waste Recycling and Shredding:** Several EAC members and volunteers promote other recycling and climate initiatives with posters and lawn signs at the April 10 (shredding) event and will do so again at the May 22 (EWaste) event.

**Terracycle:** M. Romano reported that recycling drop-offs are going well and expanding and she volunteered to update “How to Recycle Everything Else”.

**ACTION:** M. Romano will work on updating “How to Recycle Everything Else”.

**Composting:** H. Eichman is preparing a presentation and draft updated composting ordinance which will be a joint Health Board and EAC effort and J. Baxter will also contribute to the ordinance update. It will clarify the unclear status of enclosed composters in the current ordinance, which focuses on piles. Nancy Guerra, Twp. Health Dept. Inspector is coordinating. A meeting is planned for Thursday to “review the process, current ordinance” and needed updates. The draft ordinance and a presentation will be scheduled for a BoC Workshop meeting and then voted on at a regular meeting.

J. Baxter is proposing a food waste pilot program to the Township. Discussed the environmental/climate advantages of composting vs. trash burning or treatment in a Wastewater Treatment Plant. Discussed using sink disposal to WWTP vs. trash burning vs. composting. Mother Earth pickup costs \$18/bucket 2/month for pickup, \$5/bucket for “bring to them”. Motion by J. Baxter: Propose a pilot composting program to the Township based on the current draft and comments received from EAC by Friday; seconded by H. Eichman; unanimous.

**Smoke Alarm/Fire Extinguisher Proposal:** H. Schwab was unsuccessful in convincing Commissioner Wechsler to bring the proposal to the Fire Board (he is the Comm. liaison). We discussed bringing the proposal directly to the Fire Companies.

**ACTION:** Need a volunteer to bring the Smoke Alarm/Fire Extinguisher Proposal to the Fire Companies .

## **Haverford Township Day (J. Baxter, M. McCafferty, P. Puglionesi, J. Knox)**

J. McCafferty and J. Baxter will need help with getting volunteers to staff a recycling initiative, Josh will be the contact with HHS Environmental Club.

## **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.

**ACTION:** Need a volunteer to coordinate the 2021 EAC Summit.

## **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; 9/14 (moved to CREC & 1 week back); 11/9/21 (1 week back & moved to CREC).