

EAC Meeting Agenda Thursday, July 11, 2013, 7:30 PM at the regular back room, Quatrani Bldg

EAC Members 2013-2014: Terry Watkins - (1 - Steve D'Emilio) - David Schwartz (2 - Mario Oliva) – Dave Hartke (3 - Jane Hall) - Jan Marie Rushforth (4 - Dan Siegel) - Kate Campbell (5 - Jeff Heilmann) – Brett McGovern - (6 Larry Holmes & EAC Appointee) - Henry Eichman - (7 Jimmy McGarrity) - Peter Puglionesi (8 Chris Conner) – Patty Loomer - (9 Bill Wechsler) – Susan Cook (EAC Appointee/ Township Liaison) Lori Hanlon Widdop - Township Assistant Director & Liaison- Commissioner Jane Hall **EAC occasional guests:** Jeanne Angell, Brian Dooner/ Rich Kerr / Brian Walters, Peter Durlacher, Aware Club at Haverford High officer, senior, PeterDurlacher@gmail.com, 610 291 6436 + Nora Schmidt – Environmental Coordinator at C-REC

- 1) **Web site updates:** The EAC had voted to approve suggested changes. Our web page WAS indeed *partially* updated – however “minutes” are still there and unlabeled from 2009, and an upcoming event or 2 from April 2013. **REQUEST someone to thoroughly review current website and report to us what is still old, what links work and which do not.** Thank you to all who reviewed our requested edits given to Lori and her staff. <http://www.haverfordtownship.com/department/board.php?fDD=14-38>
- 2) **Plan for EAC 2012 Annual Report** – Text draft 2 with preliminary edits was emailed to EAC on 7/10/13. Terry Watkins volunteered and wrote up the full set of issues we reviewed. Gold stars, Terry!
 - a. Request to present this EAC Annual report at a Commissioner meeting in 2013
 - b. Pictures need be added to the text for a power point. Dave Hartke volunteered
 - c. Deciding on photos needs to be done, along with getting photos to Dave.
- 3) **Trails** any update or report? Thanks to Peter for his excellent report– **Should this be added to our EAC Annual Report?** Please see the 2 page attachment.

Haverford Township Day Green Zone: hope for a more visibility at the Haverford Township Day event on **Sat Oct 5, 2013**. One additional Green Zone banner was made via Peter P and Jan. **Chair and plans are requested.** Terry suggested adding: examples of the energy saving products that were displayed such as DOW Boards (dense a.k.a. closed cell insulation panels), open cell and closed cell spray foam samples and a LED light fixture.

RECENT EVENTS – Reports

- 1) **PRC Electronic Waste Drop Off**– Sue Cook with Lori Hanlon Widdop scheduled a win-win E-Waste Drop-Off Collection day in Haverford Township for **June 29, 2013** (Saturday) from 9am -3pm. Sue had contacted Jayne Young of PRC; The PRC completely runs the program with no cost to the Township. Our EAC assisted with PR. Sue brought water and pizza to the PRC volunteers. The Results of the drop off were called “Amazing collection - Best one PRC ever had! It was also a hot as blazes day!

Haverford Township C-REC 6/29/13 Results by weight:

5,372 pounds of CPU (computers)

22,023 pounds of TV's & Monitors

14,706 pounds of Printers / Hard Copy Devices/Peripherals/Mixed Electronics

183 pounds of Wire

34 pounds of Cell Phones

Total weight was 42,318 pounds of e-waste removed from Haverford Township solid waste stream!

- 2) **Superfund** – The power point presented by EPA and DEP at the **June 27, 2013** public meeting IS on the EAC website: **News**
 - [Havertown PCP Superfund Site- Update](#)
Havertown PCP Superfund Site Update Havertown EAC Meeting June 27, 2013 Josh Barber Remedial Project Manager Havertown PCP Site History · 1947-1963 National Wood Preservers (NWP) wood treatment wi...
If Terry or someone wanted to prepare a summary from that public meeting, it could be appreciated.
- 3) **Mosquitoes:** Maureen Hennessey Herman from the County Extension Service spoke at our **May 9th, 2013** EAC meeting at C-REC on **West Nile Virus and the State/ County surveillance program**. The issue had been requested by Brett McGovern: ... to discuss, or get ahead of mosquitoes for next season, i.e. Spraying to enhance

safety for residents and to protect environment. Mosquito control is mostly done by county and state. The C-REC program was with the EAC and the Health Dept with the public invited.

- 4) **Heritage Festival 2013:** was on Sunday, **June 2, 2013** from 11 to 4 – with early Set up by Dave Hartke and Terry Watkins who earned gold stars for setting up, personing the table all day, and taking down the booth. Other volunteers included Sue Cook, Dave Schwartz, Henry Eichman, Patty Loomer, and Jan Marie Rushforth (by memory) **Whom did I miss?** The event was delightful. The weather held. We distributed ALL of the Recycling Stickers, and brown bags for yard waste that we had. Info on recycling and mosquito control and other info was appreciated by the continuous and steady groups of residents that walked by our EAC booth. Jan heard parents and students expressing delight at the Middle School “Unless” display that Terry had borrowed. It was a good outreach event on Karakung Drive
- 5) **2013 Earth Day**, Sunday, **April 21, 2013:** Awesome event! THANKS! **Suggestions for improving attendance at future events are invited.** Videotaping the talks might have helped – to share on TV.
- 6) **Township Slopes Ordinance** – The EAC had voted to support Peter Puglionesi questions that he submitted to Township for Planning Commission. Kate Campbell had added comments. Peter & Jan attended Planning meeting where a revised version passed. Changes were made to the final version including our suggestions for definitions that should reduce unnecessary lawsuits against the Township. Purpose was to reduce variances to Zoning Board that has few experts like Planning Commission. Various other laws on books protect water and building.
- 7) **Agendas of Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board:** EAC had voted to request a copy of their agendas – which are also public documents available on the Township website.
- 8) **Recycling:** Lori Hanlon Widdop had been pleased with our support for **recycling**. Recycling stickers were discussed about being mailed in a Township Newsletter. **Kate Campbell** prepared an outstanding Recycling Almost Everything research doc, now on Twp website:
http://www.haverfordtownship.com/egov/docs/1366383687_203399.pdf
- 9) **EAC Parking stickers for EAC members:** Sue gave to Terry W, Dave H, Tom M, Al B, Pete P, Brett M, and Jan needs another one, after an accident where I totaled my car.
- 10) **Storm Water, MS 4 Annual Report** –
- 11) **Composting** –Twp Manager Larry Gentile gave official –report to Commissioners on 3/12/12: *Terry included an update in the EAC Annual Report.*

Any other local events or announcements or new business

- *Haverford Oakmont Farmers Market is on Weds at Grace Chapel, 3 to 7 pm.*
- *Chester County Citizens for Climate Protection, 4CP: www.chescocooler.org*
- *The 5th Annual **Touch-A-Truck**, Saturday, July 13th 10am - 2pm, for Kids and Big Kids*
- ***Haverford Music Festival** Sat, 9/7/2013*
- ***Haverford Township Day** Sat, 10/5/2013*

Prior agenda items that were closed:

- 1) **Energy Conservation** ideas of Steve Clark had discussed then rejected *the ICLE GREEN BUSINESS CHALLENGE*
http://www.icleiusa.org/climate_and_energy/green-business-challenge/how-it-works
- 2) **Climate Action Team** – Commissioner Jane Hall reported that the Library is working on Energy Efficiency –of interest for Steve Clark and Peter Puglionesi.

- 3) **Mission Statement** – Henry Eichman asked at last meeting. One from Website was read and noted. Lori told Sue we could affirm this or tweak it. No further action is needed
- 4) **EAC Logo Contest** *EAC Logo Contest has been a successful closed agenda item.*

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**Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2013**

The Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee (“EAC”) met on September 12, 2013 at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Commissioner Jane Hall (portion of meeting), Terry Watkins, Dave Hartke, Jan Marie Rushforth, Kate Campbell, Brett McGovern, Henry Eichman, Peter Puglionesi, and Sue Cook.

The following items were discussed:

1. The group discussed revisions to the EAC’s current website, with the goals of: (a) increasing traffic to the site; (b) ensuring that the information on the site is both current and relevant, so that it can serve as an education resource for Township residents, and (c) making the site easier to navigate. Kate Campbell agreed to take the lead on website revisions, and Jan Marie Rushforth agreed to assist. Kate and Jan agreed to follow up with Lori Hanlon-Widdop and Kelly Krause to discuss proposed revisions to accomplish these goals.
2. Sue Cook announced her retirement at the end of the month. It is unknown at this time who will replace Sue as Township liaison. The group invited Sue to stay on as an *ad hoc* member.
3. The EAC 2012 Annual Report was presented at the Township Commissioner’s Working Session on September 3, 2013. Commissioner Jane Hall expressed her appreciation for the presentation. Now that the Annual Report is final, it will be placed onto the EAC website. The group also discussed posting the PowerPoint presentation and DVD of the presentation on the website if possible.
4. The group discussed planning efforts for the EAC Green Zone at Haverford Township Day on Saturday October 5, 2013. Peter Puglionesi has been taking the lead on this effort, and other group members offered to volunteer their time to make this a success. Plans for the Green Zone include an EAC booth, a green vehicle expo, and information from local non-profits and business providers on a variety of topics including stormwater runoff, conservation easements/services, green tree, shrub and lawn care, home energy efficiency and audits, alternative energy providers and home solar energy providers.
5. Mosquitos and West Nile Virus have been hot topics in the Township lately, with one local resident testing positive for West Nile Virus last month. Commissioner Jane Hall advised the group that the Planning Commission is developing a new draft ordinance to limit the length of time that residents can keep portable storage units, such as PODS, on their properties, given the accumulation of stormwater that occurs on the tops of the units over time, which can create a breeding ground for mosquitos. On a related note, Peter Puglionesi had located and edited a video produced by the Center for Disease Control on West Nile Virus. The group voted and approved on a motion to deliver this video to the Township for posting on the Township TV station.

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6. There is an upcoming Municipal Workshop at the Pennsylvania Stormwater Symposium on October 16, 2013, focusing on stormwater management and financing options for municipalities. The EAC was advised that a Township representative will be attending, and we discussed sending an EAC representative. The group agreed to stay attuned to this issue and follow up with Lori after the conference.

7. Jan Marie Rushforth updated the group on her communications with Mike Levin, PhD, regarding his concerns with potential vapor intrusion issues at the Haverford PCP Superfund Site. Jan Marie put Mr. Levin in touch with the EPA Remedial Project Manager, Joshua Barber, who has responded directly to Mr. Levin. The group voted and approved a motion to forward Mr. Levin's latest correspondence to the Township Manager, and to otherwise monitor the YMCA's plans for vapor testing.

8. Commissioner Mario Oliva emailed Jan Marie Rushforth shortly before the meeting with information about the World Wildlife Fund's Earth Hour City Challenge. The group was interested in this effort, and agreed to explore it further. One threshold question that the group needs to answer is whether there is still time to participate in the 2013 City Challenge, and if not, whether there is a 2014 City Challenge that the Township might consider participating in.

9. Brett McGovern raised an issue with homeowners mixing cardboard boxes and other recyclable materials with ordinary household trash. Sue Cook indicated that Lori Woodlop-Hanlon may be drafting a proposed ordinance for the Commissioners' consideration that would authorize enforcement of the Township's recycling ordinance through warnings and then tickets. The group agreed to follow up on this issue and to look for an opportunity to be involved in any ordinance drafting.

10. The group began to preliminarily discuss early plans for 2014. Chris Whiting, Civic Council President, proposed an environmental summit in the winter. We need to explore this further, keeping in mind whatever plans we may want to develop for Earth Day 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

**Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2013**

The Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee (“EAC”) met on October 10, 2013 at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Dave Hartke, Jan Marie Rushforth, Kate Campbell, Brett McGovern, Henry Eichman and Peter Puglionesi.

The following items were discussed:

1. After the EAC’s September 13, 2013 meeting, Kate Campbell and Jan Marie Rushforth coordinated with Lori Hanlon-Widdop and Kelly Krause to implement proposed revisions to the EAC’s current website. Most of those revisions were incorporated into the website in late September/early October, but not all. The group discussed additional updates that the group thought should be implemented, and Kate agreed to reach back out to Lori and Kelly to discuss further.

2. The group continued discussions surrounding educational outreach on the topics of mosquitos and West Nile Virus. Peter Puglionesi reported to the group that he had provided Bob Gove, in charge of the Township cable access station, with a copy of the video, and that Bob posted the video on YouTube (see <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2dDsIbCdlg>). Peter also reported that he had emailed Delaware County, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the CDC with a request that each post a link to the video on their websites. The group discussed additional ways to “get the word out” on this video, and agreed that the YouTube link should be posted on the EAC website. In addition, Peter has prepared a PowerPoint presentation on West Nile Virus, and the group agreed that adding narration to the PowerPoint would make it more user-friendly. Kate Campbell offered to narrate, and Peter and Kate agreed to coordinate on how best to go about doing this.

3. The EAC Green Zone at Haverford Township Day was a great success, and the group extended a special thanks to Peter Puglionesi for all of his work on this effort. The group also discussed suggestions and feedback to make the Green Zone bigger and better next year. Among the suggestions were: large poster-board displays at the EAC booth, multiple display stands, more information on how to “green” your home, interactive games, e-waste drop off, recycling containers, PowerPoint loop, balloons on green vehicles, etc. There was also a suggestion about exploring other locations for the Green Zone, including on the other side of the information booth. This year there were several open spaces there dedicated to sponsors that unfortunately did not make a presence.

4. The group discussed early planning for 2014. There was some discussion of an Environmental Summit in January-February, though concerns were raised about the work required to go into such an event, particularly with Earth Day 2014 not far behind. In lieu of a large summit, Brett McGovern suggested possible showing *Chasing Ice* – a documentary about global warming – which would be a good educational event without a significant degree of planning required. The group thought this was an idea worth exploring further. In addition, the group started to discuss Earth Day 2014 festivities. This year Earth Day falls on Tuesday, April 22nd, and given that the annual Darby Creek Valley Association cleanup will likely be on

Saturday, April 26th (along with the Delaware County Environmental Fair), the group agreed that Saturday, April 19th appeared to be the best option, with a rain date TBD. The group discussed a number of ideas to draw more participation than what we saw last year, focusing in particular on a potential 5K/1K Trail Run/Walk, perhaps together with a bike race, all in coordination with the Recreation Department. The group agreed that a race like this could draw a number of people – adults and children alike – and that the EAC could develop other Earth Day activities around the race. Kate Campbell agreed to reach out to Tim Denny and Nora Schmidt to explore the feasibility of this idea. Jan Marie Rushforth and Peter Puglionesi expressed their interest in participating in a scoping meeting with the Recreation Department too. Other outreaching environmental ideas were also discussed, and more decisions should be made in November.

6. Peter Puglionesi reported that he signed up to attend the Municipal Workshop at the Pennsylvania Stormwater Symposium on October 16, 2013, which will address stormwater management and financing options for municipalities. The group discussed preliminary thoughts on stormwater fees, and some concerns and questions were raised, though the general consensus was that more information was needed to carefully evaluate this issue. The group also discussed the need for better stormwater management practices throughout the Township, particularly for the Township's own projects. To that end, the group agreed that it would be useful for the EAC to have early review and input on major Township projects, starting with the new planned municipal/police building. Jan Marie Rushforth agreed to reach out to the Property Committee to request an opportunity for early involvement in the design phase of this project.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.