

FAIR HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for Wed 12-18-2019 at **7:30 pm** in Borough Hall

1. Call to Order 7:36pm
2. Sunshine Law Notice
3. Roll Call: Ralph Wyndrum, Brian Rice, Jessie Murray, Greg Wright
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Moment of Silence for Pat Mullen
6. Approval of September Minutes – all approved.
7. Current Business

A. Sustainable Jersey Project / Green Team (Laline Neff): Not at meeting for update.

- Update on members and meeting dates/location?
- Update on school Green Team?
- Recycling Day – did Laline speak with LS.

B. Navesink River / Stormwater (Brian Rice):

- Update / how to handle dog waste? Handouts during registration?
 - Human signature has been taken care of. 100-200ppb is the criteria to use recreationally. NJDEP Bureau of Water 14ppb for shellfish. NJDEP can also test for antibiotics. Results show seasonality for equines in Colts Neck and Middletown; Swimming River and McLees Creek. Brian met with Boro administrator of Middletown, NJDEP, head of Health Dept, and Middletown Env Commission. Waiting to get lot/blocks for 6-8 properties. Last week met with Monmouth County Conservation and NJDEP and Rutgers Ag extension who are involved with Colts Neck. NJDEP will be giving presentation to Colts Neck – who have not been to any meetings for NRM. Monmouth County Health Dept could potentially get involved. Meeting at Thompson Park to discuss issues. Individual meetings if people don't attend larger group meeting.
 - Dog/cat waste also a big factor besides horses. Pamphlet available of best practices and funding available for groups of people to help. Dogs/cats = education. Fliers need to be at registration / rabies. Enforcement – if you see it report it.
 - Goal is to meet geometric mean by end of 2020.

C. Town Recycling

- Informative stickers for trash/recycle
 - There should be a budget to get. Can't do without having program set with town. County also has stickers. Everyone in town should get stickers- project for boy scouts.
- Can we propose same recycling company as Rumson? Did Laline speak with Teresa on potential for changing recycling contractor?
 - we only collect narrow neck bottle #2S, not all #2s. they are processed differently. Ralph in touch with recycling company and where they are doing sorting by Atlantic

Refuse. Recommend to Council that we change collection agency or get them to do what Rumson does so can get 25-30% increase of plastic. Brian would like to see how much tonnage gets put into recycling vs how much is recycling. What energy are we wasting – what is actually being saved. How to keep it simple. Paper dirty vs clean. Plastic – so few that can be recycled. Needs good end result.

D. Ponds (McCarter / Schwenker's)

- Updates on hydroraking at McCarter's
 - Ralph making recommendation that EC votes on proposal to get hydroraking on pond and let dry out by side of pond and then cart away. All members in attendance agree. Two proposals \$60-80k in budget to do in 2020. There is funding for dredging, but we should atleast do raking as interim measure. Dredging is long term solution but not on budget to do immediately. Question is how deep? Pond originally 4-5 feet – could cause issues with bulkheads on ponds. Also quote for aerator fountains similar to Rumson pond (2 fountains).
- Did Jon speak with Teresa/county about making adjustments to spillway (slats?) – Jon not at meeting.
 - Need to discuss with county if able to do. Need to gauge how much water comes over spillway/ how much retained. Should help retain water in the pond.

8. New Items?

- a. Leaves – vacuum truck supposed to be used after leaves picked up. Residual leaves move easier and go into storm drains. EC should make recommendation for cleanup after leave pickup to get residual leaves, so they don't go into storm drains. Rumson picks up Oct 15- Dec 31, LS does same thing.
- b. Bike racks – need more around town. Ralph requested town to get more.
- c. LED Street lights – 220 streetlights. 40-50 incandescent. Average 200-300 watts each – 60k watts burning 442 hrs/year = 250k kwatt \$25-28k/year. \$200-300 for replacement lights/arms. Replacement will be sodium vapor lights. LEDs 80% of power than incandescent. Put in 5 LED test lights – issue is there only in 1 color = blue. More lumens. Sodium lights better in rain/fog. Sodium vapor are efficient. Will save 25%. Not charged per light. JCPL will put in writing will replace 5 incandescent with LEDs to see how they work, test complaints, potential for issues with migrating birds and bats. Low voltage high current power conversion fails. Who stands behind warranty – the town or JCP&L? Ralph already make recommendation to Council.
- d. We should have Council to send note to Mullen family for our condolences and thanks for Pat's service to the EC.
- e. Attendance – lack of quorum often. Requirement is 70% of annual meetings. Quorum is 50% + 1. We each should have subcommittee to work on. Put timelines on projects. Who hasn't appeared 70%: Dennis hasn't made but he is alternate – Ralph will call. Starting January will write down who doesn't show up in lack of quorum. Objectives for 2020 each member. Will have atleast 3 openings.

Adjournment. 8:55pm Next Meeting 7:30 pm, January 15, 2020