

FAIR HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

AGENDA for Wed 1-23-2019 at 7:30 pm meeting at Borough Hall

1. Call to Order 7:35
2. Sunshine Law Notice read.
3. Roll Call: Brian Rice, Ralph Wyndrum, Patrick Mullen, Greg Wright, Laline Neff, Jessie Murray; Patrick Keeler; Gary Patterson; Dennis Sullivan, Johnathan Peters.
4. Approval of earlier minutes – recapped November meeting to record abbreviated notes which were not recorded.
5. Current Business

A. Sustainable Jersey Project (Laline Neff): 2019 Plans- Silver Status – Laline not at meeting. Ralph went down to AC to receive Sustainable NJ Bronze award on behalf of FH. Plaque awarded and space on plaque for future silver award status. We are 40-50 points over bronze for head start on silver. 1-2 year target to meet silver status? Would need Laline to head committee – but need a co-chair from EC. Silver is 350 pts. All EC members voted that 2 years is a reasonable timeframe to complete projects; up to Laline to decide if can do in one. Ralph will look for co-chair to work with Laline at next meeting. Note – points expire.

B. Navesink River Pollution update (Brian Rice). Data confirmed – seasonal effects on towns, specifically Tinton falls, Colts Neck, and Middletown due to livestock. NJDEP Bureau of water monitoring are coming up with tests – but presumably horses and cows. Seasonal as they winter in Florida. Will work with municipalities to come up with best practices. Area 55 Pond upstream in Middletown – seasonal hotspot along McClees Creek, Pinebrook in TF. Sniffing Dogs were back in town. FH clean (hit in FH fields, but there is nothing there). 4th creek area remediated and hasn't come back. As long as we give river ample time to regenerate will clean up – a matter of getting rid of sources. Some issues in RB, but working. Rumson may increase and upgrade classification near Barnacle Bills. We are on track for 2020 to be clean. 2 year goal and we are making it. Education is a big part of obtaining the goal. Geometric mean is what NJDEP uses but difficult metric because of outliers. Inshore areas mess up the means. NJDEP stations are different than citizen science shore stations. Only NJDEP stations matter for geometric mean. We have 1 year of data from 95 stations to see spikes and figure out sources.

C. GIS System for FH (Greg Wright) Options to complete software fixes – No update. Needs to be handed off to someone else with software skills. Hand it over to RFH environmental club? By next meeting Ralph requested to document what it can do now to identify who we can train on it.

D. Knollwood Rain Gardens construction schedules update (Brian Rice) – Brian met w/ superintendent, need to wait for ground to thaw – needs to be done by May.

E. Boro Hall Rain Garden Status, publicity needed (Pat Mullens) – Pat not at meeting. The one at Boro Hall has recuperated. The one by curb needs to be improved by March. Some new plants needed. Smaller rain events help to absorb. In icy conditions will flow across sidewalk due to design – should have been taken out via pipe to avoid ice. John to speak to someone about putting pipe under sidewalk. East side failing. West side spalling. Impact damage from snow plows.

F. Red Bank request for joint Bike Sharing program, FHEC recommendation for Council (B. Rice) – John got email they were looking to get something together between Little silver RB and FH. No other updates.

G. Watering Station Grant for FH Fields Rec Center – Ralph put together grant to go over w/ recreation committee. \$10k grant. West Side Park Riverside Gardens is example. Going for 2 stations near concession stand, specific filling station that does not freeze (no filters). Grant being submitted Feb 15 – will know April 30th if we got it. To be installed before spring sports season. Council needs to write in support of activity for February meeting.

6. New Business:

Discussion of approaches to deal with Schwenker's Pond. Wet Land or waterway? – Gary will get ahold of Rutgers. They need to sample first to see what's in it.

New Topics: Proposed New Municipal Building:

Boro Hall PD – new station needed as current building old, would like on River Rd near Fire station. Town is in process to remove PD from ROSI. Separate free standing building vs multi use building. DPW to reduce footprint. Attach DPW and police? Ralph went to meeting about proposed new municipal building at Knollwood. His suggestion was new proposed municipal building should have net zero energy. Architect said FHPD runs all night and would not be a good use for net zero. PD closes at 230am to public. Issue with Sunoco – no clearance from EPA and is responsible party. Unknown liability. If we were to purchase need clear title through NJDEP /EPA to be protected. Will be prudent to cut energy usage for new building. LEED challenges – expensive for process. Still in sketch phase; new building = new standards. We can go for LEED items without actual plaque. Other option – buy carbon credits. What technologies do we recommend? Ralph to write white paper on net zero buildings.

7. Adjournment. 9:05pm Next Meeting 7:30 pm, Feb. 27, 2019