

FAIR HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – MINUTES for 7-26-2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm at Borough Hall. The Sunshine Law was cited. Present were: Ralph Wyndrum, Brian Rice, Patrick Mullen, Greg Wright, and Jessie Murray. Councilman Jonathan Peters also in attendance.

- 1) May 24, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.
- 2) **Sustainable New Jersey Project Progress Report** – Actions for bronze status were submitted in June. Plan to submit action documentation by September.
- 3) **Navesink River Pollution Update** (Brian) – Fair Haven is monitoring some areas with hits after both heavy rains and dry periods. Looking into conducting dye tests to determine sources. Neighboring towns (i.e. Red Bank) working on funding/fixing issues. Old infrastructure generally the main culprit in towns. Citizen Science teams collecting water samples every Wednesday on top of regular NJDEP monitoring program.

Natural/living shorelines planned with Littoral Society along shoreline of DeNormandie Avenue. Working on how to divert stormwater and filter through natural system before draining to River. Future plans include similar projects along the shorelines of Hance Road, Grange Avenue, and Fair Haven Road.

Discussed inviting Chris Obropta (Rutgers) to a Navesink River Municipalities Committee meeting to discuss strategies to improve stormwater management for towns.

- 4) **GIS System** (Greg) – Software agrees with documentation manual. Need to install a basemap on unit to collect data. Greg working with Johnathan and Jim Ingles (to record Fair Haven Fields Natural Area trails.
- 5) **Environmental Resource Inventory** (Jessie) – Discussed member assignments for ERI. Draft report due by next meeting to finalize and submit by September to adhere to Sustainable New Jersey timeline for annual recognition event.
- 6) **Other Items** (Johnathan) – EC is to review Monmouth County Open Space questionnaire and responses.
- 7) **Next Meeting** – August 23, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Borough Hall Council meeting room.
- 8) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Murray, recording secretary