

FAIR HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – MINUTES for 10-25-2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:53 pm at Borough Hall. The Sunshine Law was cited. Present were: Ralph Wyndrum, Brian Rice, Patrick Keeler, Gary Patterson, Laline Neff, and Jessie Murray. Councilman Jonathan Peters also in attendance.

- 1) September 27, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.
- 2) **Sustainable New Jersey Project / Environmental Resource Inventory** (Laline/Jessie) – ERI done and sent to Planning Board to be approved at 11/14/17 meeting as key reference cited by the Master Plan. ERI to be finalized by 11/16/17 for Sustainable NJ submission. Documentation is still required for to finalize other Sustainable NJ sections including Energy, Environmental Commission, digitized website, Bike Plan. Complete Streets and Resolution adopted and to be included in documentation. Green Team requires chair/vice chair. Gary potential new co-chair?
- 3) **Navesink River Pollution Update** (Brian) – Water quality showing some improvement based on repairs made in some towns. Issues in Fair Haven have not all been identified. NJDEP testing done under extreme conditions/ major storm events whereas Citizens testing is every Wednesday regardless of weather. Stormwater runoff / impervious surfaces needs improvement (i.e. divert water / create buffers). Rain gardens are most cost-efficient way to help reduce stormwater runoff. Discussed planting rain gardens at Knollwood school via new Environmental /Fishing Club Brian proposed. Council needs ideas for these types of projects as well as to ID source areas and max flow areas.
- 4) **GIS System** (Greg) – Get Jim Ingles in touch with Chris Aviles.
- 5) **New Business: Schwenkers Pond** – What to do, keep as pond or let go to wetlands? Culvert under River Road – leave/remove/make leaky dam? Goals / objectives to make a natural buffer but need a plan for management. Council invites EC to meetings to help guide consultant with ideas. Ralph to provide memo on critique of Aquatic Analysts Report. Aquatic Analysts Report attached for reference.
- 6) **Next Meeting** – Not discussed.
- 7) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Murray, recording secretary