

FAIR HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – MINUTES for 11-29-2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm at Borough Hall. The Sunshine Law was cited. Present were: Ralph Wyndrum, Brian Rice, Patrick Keeler, Gary Patterson, Laline Neff, Pat Mullen, and Jessie Murray.

- 1) October 25, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.
- 2) **Sustainable New Jersey Project / Environmental Resource Inventory** (Laline) – Application in – applied for 175 points for bronze certification. Will know results in December. Actions do expire over time and need to reapply yearly for certifications.
- 3) **Navesink River Pollution Update** (Brian) – Citizen testing correlates to State collected data. FH needs to coordinate with DPW at two pump stations to test along Fair Haven road and River Rd. Water quality showing some improvement. On track for portion of Navesink River to be reopened for shellfish harvest I 2020.

Rain garden projects help with stormwater, reducing approximately 554 gal per storm per garden. Includes local plants and grasses. New project at Knollwood school. Borough rain garden needs to be revitalized.

- 4) **GIS System** (Greg) – No current update. Need to get in touch with Chris Avila to help Jim Ingles. Need someone to set up maps and download onto tablet. Could 2 River (Tom) set it up? Ralph and Gary will meet with Tom to discuss installing software.
- 5) **Environmental Resource Inventory** (Jessie) – ERI complete. Planning Board approved and decided to include as appendix to town Master Plan. Resolution will be made at Planning Board's January meeting.
- 6) **New Business: Schwenkers Pond** – What to do, keep as pond (dredge) or let go to wetlands? Rutgers will meet with us and help with assessment of Pond and make a plan. Tentative meeting will be in January. Anything done to Pond will have no influence Shippees Pond. Shippees Pond has a dam in need of replacement.
- 7) **Next Meeting** – January 24, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Borough Hall Council meeting room.
- 8) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Murray, recording secretary