

## FAIR HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES for Wed 2-19-2020 at 7:30 pm meeting at Borough Hall

1. Call to Order 7:34pm
2. Sunshine Law Notice Read
3. Roll Call - In attendance: Ralph Wyndrum, Laline Neff, Jessie Murray, Patrick Keeler, Gary Patterson, Brian Rice, Councilman Mike McCue
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Election of Chair - Ralph, Vice Chair - Brian, and Recording Secretary - Jessie
6. Approval of January Meeting Minutes – Ralph motioned for approval, no comments, all approved.
7. Introduction of audience participants
  - Robin O'Neil – interested in the water sampling, member of the Rumson Garden club
  - Melanie Landers – interested in the quality of the river and recycling, member of Rumson Garden club,
  - Bonnie Persivid – involved with Clean Ocean Action (on the board), concerned with recycling and healthy lawn initiative
  - Stephanie Adams – helped with reusable bag initiative
  - Susan – lives on the river
  - Erin & Emma Keeley – Emma helped to get grant at Knollwood School, started Green Team for school kids, working on recycling
8. Current Business
  - A. Sustainable Jersey Project / Green Team (Laline)
    - Sydney Davis won art contest at Knollwood School, her design was used for the reusable bags, 6<sup>th</sup> graders handed out the reusable bags at Acme, plan to order more bags to sell at stores with proceeds going to Knollwood Green Team
    - Plastic bag ban began; Laline passed around fliers and met with FH Business Association to discuss
    - Zero Waste lunch a goal for schools
    - Green Team to be appointed by mayor / Council – assume by 1<sup>st</sup> week of March
  - B. Discussion with Teresa
    - Trying to prioritize Boro resources, activities in town depend on Town budget
    - Would like to work with FHEC and Green Team to help Teresa prioritize activities and get grants
    - The Green Team doesn't need formal agenda/minutes, open meeting, reports to FHEC
    - Recommended future paid employee to be secretary for FHEC
    - Communications – if anything is needed ask, email Teresa, cc Betty Ann
  - C. Rain Gardens (Ralph)
    - Met with Nativity who is in support of rain garden, wrote a letter to Sustainable NJ for for small grant to do rain garden
  - D. Navesink River / Stormwater (Brian) Brian went to Colts Neck EC meeting to help collaborate for river issues, discussed educating on picking up dg and horse waste
  - E. LED Streetlights (Ralph) – not discussed
  - F. Town Recycling (Ralph/Laline/Greg/Mike)
    - Learn what other towns are doing and what we can learn from them
    - Rumson contacted. Prospective date 3/18 to tour Rumson facility. Rumson recycles #1, #2, and #5 plastics; email Laline if want to attend,

- Recycling fees in FH ~\$40/house; Ralph requested cost per household in Rumson for comparison
  - Little Silver EC contacted to discuss projects to collaborate on; Environmental Event scheduled for 3/21; under \$1k using Clean Communities Fund
  - FH to possibly do Environmental event in October, potential to use KoC (Gary a member), paper shredding, inside activities/talks/presentations
  - Zero Waste Initiative discussed – aim for October Fest / FH Day, etc; Earth Institute Columbia Zero Waste Report
  - Flier for plastic ban passed around
9. New Business
- A. Robards Park Living Shoreline (Ralph / Brian)
- in negotiations, on standby for grant
- B. Leaf / Brush Removal (Ralph / Pat)
- Spoke with Princeton DPW, requirement for landscapers to haul leaves no longer a requirement
- C. Shoreline / Park Clean-ups (Jessie)
- work with schools /youth programs (such as high school EC, Key Club community hours, confirmation activities) for cleanups in spring/fall
  - Jessie to work with Gary
  - Potential to use clean communities fund
10. Council Update
- Discussed education in waste, healthy lawns
11. Adjournment 9:30pm. Next Meeting 3/18