

FAIR HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

AGENDA for June 16, 2021 at 7:30 pm via Zoom

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1. **Call to Order:** 7:34 pm
2. **Sunshine Law Notice:** Allyson Cinquegrana, Borough Clerk
3. **Roll Call: Present:** Ralph Wyndrum, Jessie Murray, Patrick Keeler, Gary Patterson, Kelly Flanagan, Greg Wright, Sarah Bayer

Absent: Brian Rice, Jonathan Peters, Councilwoman Laline Neff

4 public attendees.

4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
5. **Approval of May Meeting Minutes.** Ayes by all to approve the minutes
6. **Current Business**

- A. LED street lights (Ralph). Asked the Borough Administrator to reach out to JCP&L as he has not had any luck. He asked that the Administrator go to a higher representative on his behalf.
- B. Sustainable New Jersey Project (status of recertification) / Green Team (Kelly). June 5th Eco Fest in Rumson. Successful with providing recycling information; well received by the public. Would like to do an environmental fair in the fall and involve the other boards and commissions to educate the public on what we do in town for sustainability. We received our EDF Fellow. We have an intern assisting and working with Fair Haven and the schools for 10 weeks; would like to reduce our energy footprint. Met with the intern twice already.

Greg Wright asked how this works since it is a third-party consultant. Kelly Flanagan said we are working with Sustainable Jersey which is funded by JCP&L. Mr. Wright was concerned about this because it is a third party. Ralph said the Borough applied for and was awarded the grant to orchestrate this activity. JCP&L pays the intern directly. Mr. Wright said that this is complicated and the lines are unclear. Ralph said the Green Team is responsible for working with the intern to get the outcome we would like. Kelly advised we direct her on what we want help with; first is to see where we need assistance, and they are first focusing on Borough Hall. This will save us money with incentives and other funding. The meeting is with the intern every Wednesday and Mr. Wright was invited to join the group. Patrick Keeler did not see any downside to this program and intern. There was discussion regarding an energy audit done 10 years ago where we saved between 18-30%

- C. Navesink River (Brian). Absent.
- D. Town Recycling (Ralph). Nothing new. Kelly and the GT will visit Mazza in July; once the dates are set and she will advise. Thoughts on magnet; Ralph has one and showed the members. The magnet shows what can and cannot go into the recycling can. Ralph recommended getting both the magnet and the sticker. Both will be ordered after the other members visit Mazza.
- E. Residential Stormwater Ordinance (Brian/Kelly/Gary/Jessie). They would like to present ideas to the Council. Brian was taking the lead on this. Councilwoman Neff should contact the Planning Board and Zoning Board to see if they want to adopt more stringent measures. Ralph – they want to see how the current measures work; he will speak with Brian.

F. **Town Solar (Kelly/Laline).** Nothing to report. The fellow was going to work on this and investigate options.

7. **New Business** - It was decided to meet via Zoom in July. Revisit for an in-person meeting in August. Kelly Flanagan asked about McCarter Pond and if anything has been done. The majority of members of Environmental Commission would like action to take place within the next year.
8. **Council Update** (Laline). Absent.
9. **Public Comments** 8:10 pm

Susan O'Brien advised that the link on the website is not working and may present the public from being part of the meeting. She received an e-mail with an updated link, but it does not seem to match what is still posted on the website.

Bonnie Torcivia measured a tree on Hance Road and found one to be significant size. She asked why sidewalks are going in on Hance Road. Ralph stated there will be a pocket park at the end of Hance and they are needed. There is a need for repaving there and at Grange Avenue. There is a large group of residents that oppose the idea of sidewalks and have voiced their opposition. The Clerk advised that the Borough applied for a grant and this initiative is part of the grant, Safe Routes to Schools, Master Plan, etc.

Bonnie Torcivia sent Ralph and Kelly an article via e-mail on the wetlands and McCarter Pond a few weeks ago. Kelly said the GT and Environmental Commission brought the thoughts on the pond to the Council. Ms. Torcivia said there are floating mats of plants that absorb the algae, run off, etc. The company is from Florida and can be designed to our needs. Ralph will speak with Theresa regarding McCarter Park. Kelly will send everyone the e-mail that Bonnie Torcivia provided.

10. Adjournment
8:23 p.m.

Next Meeting July 21 @ 7:30pm. **via Zoom**