

FAIR HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES for May 19, 2021 at 7:30 pm via Zoom

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1. Call to Order 7:33pm

2. Sunshine Law Notice read by Brian

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3. Roll Call: Ralph Wyndrum (present), Jessie Murray (present), Brian Rice (present), Patrick Keeler (present), Gary Patterson (present), Jonathan Peters (present), Kelly Flanagan (present), Greg Wright (absent), Sarah Bayer (800), Councilwoman Laline Neff (present), Krystie Larsen (Boro assistant)

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of April Meeting Minutes – approved by all

6. Current Business

A. Sustainable New Jersey Project (status if recertification) / Green Team (Kelly)

Apply for extension for application to maintain bronze certification until reapplication in December 2022 in hopes to gain silver status – SJ provided this as an option due to Covid. EDF climate fellow awarded for energy tracking and management which would help get more points. Next event by COA to attend/participate at Eco-Fest in Rumson on June 5. Hands on Environmental awareness. Gold status for safe routes to school provided to FH, certificate and award will be presented to town.

B. LED street lights (Ralph)

Still not on a schedule with JCPL to get installed. Teresa is to call them.

C. Navesink River (Brian)

Major fish kill over from Vibrio bacterium. Not a lot of bait (i.e. bunker) recently. Fecal coliform numbers are going to right way. With regards to nitrogen – the state does not test for it. Reddish/brown alga blooms are caused by heavy nitrogen loads. Best management practices – timing, don't do close to rain event to prevent runoff.

D. Town Recycling (Ralph)

Mazza would like to provide advice for town citizens of what to recycle, which includes most plastic (1, 2, 4, and 5s). Pizza boxes are taken out, but if clean (no oil/pizza) will take. Mazza can put together a 4x7" magnetic card or sticker of what can be recycled. Brian suggested make large decal for the cans. Ralph will go to Teresa to request both magnet and sticker for each house, and find out how much. If costs an issue, potential for a local business to put a logo on to help support. May be able to distribute at Eco-Fest. Jon did a lot of work previously with trash/recycle pickup and has history of what town has done. Kelly requested a tour of Mazza for the Green Team.

E. Residential Stormwater Ordinance (Brian/Kelly/Gary/Jessie)

Put together sample ordinance which matches the SJ white paper. The Council would like to wait year or two before making changes to new ordinance. Brian would like to put suggestions together that planning, zoning boards, and Council review to help curtail runoff to the river – not a current mandate. Laline suggested to work with Rich Gardella. Can provide to Police and DPW to account now to facilities meetings. Laline said can include now. Suggestions to be provided next month.

F. Town Solar (Kelly/Laline)

Looking to hire consultant to determine costs. Focus has been to at minimum get DPW solar ready. Police may have solar in parking lot.

7. New Business

A. Agenda / Meeting Minutes with new Boro Admin Aide Krystie Larsen (Jessie)

B. Sustainable Jersey EDF Climate Corps Fellow Program (Kelly)

Will work for 10 weeks to work in energy projects for the town. The school board also applied and was awarded a fellow. Help to understand energy usage and audits which are high priority SJ actions. Will start in June or July.

C. Budget

We have a proposed budget with the town. Laline to get back to Ralph on status.

8. Council Update (Laline)

EH proposal for how to address McCarter Pond/ potentially Schwenker's. Well accepted. Teresa will reorder treatment for this year.

9. Public Comments – none.

10. Adjournment 8:33pm

Next Meeting June 16 @ 730pm.