

FAIR HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES for March 17, 2021 at 7:30 pm via Zoom

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1. Call to Order 733
2. Sunshine Law Notice read by Brian

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, PUBLIC MEETINGS MAY BE HELD IN PERSON OR BY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT TO INCLUDE STREAMING SERVICES AND OTHER ONLINE MEETING PLATFORMS (NJSA 10:4-8(b)).

DUE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION, THE BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN'S MUNICIPAL FACILITIES ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. THIS MEETING IS BEING PRESENTED THROUGH THE ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM AND BEING BROADCAST FROM BOROUGH HALL, 748 RIVER ROAD, FAIR HAVEN, NJ. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THIS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2021 IS AVAILABLE BY CALL IN PHONE NUMBER OR THROUGH WEB CONFERENCE (ZOOM). MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ON MUTE UNTIL THE PORTION FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS, WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED. AT THAT TIME THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION/COMMENT BY PHONE OR THROUGH ZOOM BY THE "RAISE HAND" BUTTON AND WILL BE CALLED ON AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS INCLUDED IN A SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS SENT TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS, THE TWO RIVER TIMES, THE HUB AND THE STAR LEDGER ON JANUARY 28, 2021, POSTED ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND HAS REMAINED CONTINUOUSLY POSTED AS REQUIRED UNDER THE STATUTE.

3. Roll Call: Ralph Wyndrum, Jessie Murray, Brian Rice, Patrick Keeler, Gary Patterson (out), Jonathan Peters (out), Kelly Flanagan, Greg Wright, Sarah Bayer (joined 7:39), Councilwoman Laline Neff (out)
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of February Meeting Minutes no comments, approved by all.
6. Current Business
 - A. Sustainable New Jersey Project (status if recertification) / Green Team (Kelly) – 7:36 Green Team is hosting a composting workshop next week with Monmouth County Master Gardner via Zoom webinar. Would like to know how to purchase rain barrels through the town for participants. Starting an Instagram and Facebook page for environmental tips. Will need to include a disclaimer that they are not the views of the Boro and Council – need Ralph to sign off on it. SJ Application – still good for bronze status, will not reach silver status yet. Schools just registered to be part of SJ schools, also counts towards the Boro application.
 - B. LED street lights (Ralph) 7:47 Work started with JCPL, 12/14 locations selected, most 50 watt lamps, some 90 watts.
 - C. Navesink River Updates (Brian) 7:49 Diverse wild life – river doing well. No updates from NJDEP in a while. Individual towns making their own progress. Next meeting in April (15th Thursday).

- D. Town Recycling (Ralph) 7:52 New meeting set up with Mazza 4/1/21, 2-4pm. Will explain what can recycle and how rules on Monmouth County recycling could be changed, who to work with to do so. Members of Green Team also invited.
- E. Residential Stormwater Ordinance (Brian/Pat/Gary) 7:55 Waiting for Town to adopt new state ordinance. Mini team will meet after.
- F. Town Solar /Building Efficiencies (Kelly) 7:57 Architect discussed environmental planning with DPW and PD in facilities meeting. There is SJ grant to jump start energy efficient buildings. Grant would have a grad student for 9-10 weeks to help apply for NJ clean energy program, includes audit on buildings. Will also help to look for incentives through the State, we'd be eligible for Smart Resources program. Need a baseline on buildings to do proper comparison – if can demonstrate 20% more efficient can get points through SJ – audit also points through SJ. Baseline was done for Boro Hall, DPW, and PD 15 years ago. FHEC will go for grant. Also looking up estimates for use of solar on DPW / PD – energy can be back to the grid or lease panels.
- G. 2021 EC Budget (Brian / Kelly) 8:09 Brian spoke with Teresa and asked for \$2500. She will bring to the Council. Money will help this year with Green Team, Green Summit with all boards/commissions (FHEC, Shade Tree, Planning Board, Zoning Board, NRMC, kids camp) at Bicentennial Hall in the fall. Summit will include presentations on rain gardens, rain barrels, composting, etc. Also money will include helping to replant some of the rain gardens in town.

7. New Business – none

8. Council Update (Laline) – none

9. Public Comments – none

10. Adjournment.

Next Meeting April 21 @ 730pm.