

FAIR HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES for Wed 4-24-2019 at 7:30 pm meeting at Borough Hall-

1. Call to Order: 740pm
2. Sunshine Law Notice – read by Brian
3. Roll Call: Brian Rice, Ralph Wyndrum, Patrick Mullen, Jessie Murray; Patrick Keeler; Councilman - Jonathan Peters
4. Approval of earlier minutes – March 27th – minutes approved.
5. Current Business

A. **Sustainable Jersey Project (Laline Neff): 2019 Plans - Silver Star** – Laline not present. Working on award 2 years from now; Laline is setting the plan.

B. **Navesink River Pollution update** (Brian Rice). Nothing new to report.

C. **GIS System for FH (Greg Wright) Options to complete software fixes**. Greg not present.

Deferred until next meeting.

D. **Knollwood Rain Gardens construction schedules update. GRANT DEADLINE (Brian Rice)** – Raingardens in, plants ordered, will meet May 31 deadline and will send to Sustainable NJ. Job done in 1 day. Materials donated by Rysers. Grant will have cash leftover. Email sent to Teresa for possibility to divert money to another project before month is over. There is a report with 10 other areas done for potential raingardens. Ralph to discuss with Teresa and ANJEC. When allocating funds, Boro council has to approve. Have to find out if ANJEC will allow, if so will bring to council to reallocate funds. Action Item: Ralph to make calls this week.

E. **Boro Hall Rain Garden Status**. Upkeep needed, then publicity needed (Pat Mullens) – DPW replanted recently.

F. **Red Bank request for joint Bike Sharing** program, meeting not rescheduled. (RWW) – 1st meeting was 2 months ago, 2nd meeting not currently scheduled. Program needs to decide what to do – all towns have separate bike plans. Jon Peters working with folks from Red Bank to Fair Haven to layout backroad paths through towns to Sea Bright Bridge (i.e. marked trail, not a marked bike path).

G. **Watering Station Grant for FH Fields Rec Center**, submitted 3-27-2019; awarded \$10,000. Rec Center attached to wall next to plumbing. DJ on Rec Committee will be supervising purchase of stations and installation.

H. **Plastic Bags**- discussion and resolution. At last meeting – took vote on resolution to pass along to council to ban single use plastic bags in Fair Haven. Laline has gone to Acme to discuss and they can shift to paper. Little Silver has done it. Ralph called governor's office on position of plastic bags – no formal position currently was response but under study by governor's office. Ralph to speak with mayor. He would favor position of state, does not feel should be town by town. John would also to see it done at state level. Chatham, Summit, and Milburn have all passed plastic bag ordinances. We are prepared to accept resolution tonight – Laline to provide text. Vote tonight Brian pass motion to move to Council, Jessie seconds – all in favor. 5-0 vote. As soon as Laline gets language prepare. Small businesses in town have not been approached. Action Item: Laline will have all info provided and language to present to Council based on Little Silver document, will circulate to FHEC for review prior to Council.

- Secretary of Business association – Caroline Ferguson: Washhouse have to use plastic but they worked out way to reduce number of plastic bags. Lupo has started to give paper bags. Over 50 members of the business associate got notes. Lots of positive feedback.

6. New Business: Discussion of approaches to deal with Schwenker's Pond. Rutgers' recommendation? Tabled until next meeting.

- Discussions w/ Caroline Ferguson and FH Natural Area – Information items are best disseminated through Facebook. Proposed that FHEC community provide info to town Facebook group.
 - Example: FH Natural Area - posted about algae. Sample taken to confirm not bad algae in the fields, instead a stormwater issue. Low depressions along trails during rainy season, east of pond.
 - Action Item: FHEC to work with Natural Area Committee and DPW to help some areas along pathways in rainy season.

What to do with ponds/What are we trying to achieve? Our current priority are the outfalls at the end of Grange and Hance which are stormwater issues. Next steps?

- Algae grows at depth less than 2 ft. Brian looking into idea of fountain in middle of pond in McCarter – pond in Rumson as example which is same depth.
- TRWRA could potentially put solar panel on building and put fountain in middle of Schwenkers. May potentially try it for a season (1-year trial)? Goal – make pond look better during growing season of algae.
- There is no plan and no money to otherwise dredge either pond.

7. Adjournment at 8:30pm. Next Meeting 7:30 pm, May 22, 2019