

## FAIR HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – MINUTES for 6-27-2018

7:40pm – Special Presentation by Fran Metzger, Monmouth County Recycling Coordinator on County recycling:

MC Recycling works with Solid Waste Management, who mandates what can get rid of. Current mandate aluminum cans, glass jars and bottles, plastics

Plastic recycling goes through special processing:

- Can only accept types #1 (same thickness) and #2 (neck narrower than body), which get melted down for reuse
- Plastic types #3 though #7 plastics won't melt down/ are not compatible with types #1 and 2 (needs to be compatible material to break down properly).
- Plastic processing goes to private facility as there is no processing in Monmouth county.
- No plastic bags allowed in recycling bins (especially black)
- Only correct recycling material can be marketed/shipped, otherwise goes to landfill. Need more domestic markets so not going to landfill as we cannot ship everything.

Need recommendations from EC to improve recycling: some ideas: education 2 X a year to residents, enforcement, sticker for can or fridge magnet, buy reusable bags. Town gets recycling grant for education. Adam Hubiny (sp?) – recycling coordinator to discuss ideas.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10:40 pm at Borough Hall. The Sunshine Law was cited. Present were: Gary Patterson, Ralph Wyndrum, Laine Neff, Jessie Murray, Dennis Sullivan, and Councilman Jonathan Peters.

- 1) April minutes approved. May requires review.
- 2) **Recycling:** Develop sticker for cans which includes what can be recycled. Distribute beginning of calendar year. Potential for purchasing reusable bags to distribute. Educational programs. Need to look into costs. Talk to Business community to potentially fund reusable bags w/ logos. Stores should have paper as option instead of just plastic. Action Item: Laine to follow up with Fran and find out moneys available through town business associations. All to come back to next meeting with ideas.
- 3) **Smoking Ban** – In the works. Strike out words “except on impervious surfaces” Action Item: Laine to follow up w/ Sustainable New Jersey about language.
- 4) **Boro Rain Garden** – Some plants are in but need more soils and plants. Action Item: Ralph to speak with Nick. **in Barrels** – Boro demonstration raingarden has been restored. Need to make sure the restoration is reported as news on the Fair Haven town website. There will be a rain barrel demonstration at the Rumson Eco-Fest planned for Saturday June 2, 2018.
- 5) **Sustainable New Jersey Project** – We have 65 points, added 135 points. Will receive comments in July. Not officially awarded. Anything can be added until September. See Attachment 1 to these minutes of summary with future planning and actions submitted.
- 6) **Sustainable NJ Grant/ Knollwood Rain Garden** – Has not been started yet.

- 7) **GIS System** – No update. Greg to return with finished product,
- 8) **Red Bank Bike Share** - EC recommendation needed. Bike share proposed at no cost that can be returned to either town. Planning on FH requires zoning agreement. Jon Peters spoke with Red Bank – discussed 6 geo-locked spots (no stands needed, have an enable/disable mode). Potential location at FH Fields, dock, or Acme. Red Bank may take the lead on the project and include FH if agree. Target user would be trip extension from the train along River Rd Corridor. 4-5 stations to start, high demand add stations. Action Item: Jon Peters to send EC the proposal.
- 9) **McCarters Pond** – 2 bubblers added. Project complete.
- 10) **New Business: Plastic Bag Ordinance** – Monmouth Beach passed ordinance that bans single use petrochemical plastic. Question - should Fair Haven have a similar ordinance? We need to do research first. Potential option could be to ban petrochemical plastic and use organic (corn) based plastics that are biodegradable. Brought up need for better recycling. (Action item for Ralph: talk to Monmouth County to discuss recycling.) Overall point is to reduce. Suggestion for a town-wide free-cycle event.
- 11) **New Business: Educational Program at Schools** – Lots of garbage being left in park areas around town – need to teach “take it with you.” Environmental club has been established for grades 6-8. Talk to sports teams, head of recreation committee.
- 12) **New Business: Statement from Council** – Boro is in litigation with FH Yacht works due to encroachment (illegal floating dock and 12 slips). Town has riparian grant at the end of de Normandie, purchased through the State. If we lose we can never get back. FH Yacht Works has requested their facilities to be improved. We are looking to create living shoreline and promoting public access. Promoting public access is key for FH residents. Council plans to continue fighting for our public rights.
- 13) **Next Meeting** – July 25, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Borough Hall Council meeting room.
- 14) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Murray, recording secretary