

FAIR HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (“EC”) MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2022 at 7:30 pm via Zoom

1. Call to Order @ 7:33pm

2. Sunshine Law Notice, K. Larsen

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call:

A. Present: Ralph Wyndrum, Suzanne McCabe, Jessie Murray, Kelly Flanagan, Brian Olson, Gary Patterson, Jonathan Peters, Borough Liaison Krystie Larsen

B. Absent: Brian Rice, Greg Wright, Councilwoman Koch

5. Annual Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Election

J. Murray nominates R. Wyndrum for Chair, J. Peters seconded the nomination and all in favor.

J. Peters nominates B. Rice for Vice Chair, S. McCabe seconded the nomination and all in favor.

6. Approval of December Meeting Minutes – All in favor.

7. Current Business

A. Green Team (“GT”), Sustainable Jersey (Kelly)

R. Wyndrum thanked Mike Dawson for the new recycling graphic in the Borough Calendar. K. Flanagan announced the first round of applications for Sustainable Jersey are due in June. Fair Haven is Bronze status (180 points) now and is aiming for Silver (350 points). GT is working with the Shade Tree Commission on several big ticket items they are hoping to achieve by June. Also to be completed are Fleet inventory, education and outreach. The Town Hall Zoom event on recycling is targeted for the Spring. J. Peters questioned the point system, as he doesn't feel the scale is always valid. S. McCabe questioned why this accreditation is important? R. Wyndrum answered it is about image and funding opportunities.

B. Navesink River (Brian)

Absent.

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

J. Murray said there is nothing new to comment on; expect an update in February.

D. McCarter Pond (Ralph/Brian)

R. Wyndrum spoke to Business Administrator Casagrande on this topic. It is on Council's agenda, but unsure which direction they will take. R. Wyndrum recommended hydroraking and hopes Council will approve funding for it. The consulting work has already been paid for and completed. J. Peters said one of the main issues is the State of NJ DEP making it so difficult to get permits completed.

E. Gas Leaf Blower Noise and Air Pollution in FH (Ralph)

A few current and one former resident are advocating to ban gas leaf blowers. R. Wyndrum does not recommend repeating a losing case as in Malibu, CA, but believes there are small changes to the existing ordinance the EC can recommend to Council to make them more palatable such as changing the allowable time frames. J. Peters to work with the GT on researching this issue. B. Olson and S. McCabe believe more data is needed, as this will be contentious.

8. New Business

A. No Smoking in public areas of Fair Haven NJ. Smoking to include tobacco, vaping and marijuana.

R. Wyndrum believes smoking should be banned on all public property. He believes Rumson has this language in their ordinance. K. Flanagan to look into it, as a Smoke Free community would earn Sustainable Jersey points.

9. Council Update (Koch)

Absent.

10. Public Comment: *The FHEC welcomes comments, suggestions, and inquiries from residents of Fair Haven. You must wait to be recognized by the Chair. IDENTIFY YOURSELF BY YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD. Limit your comments to three (3) minutes. Once a topic has been addressed by a member of the public, he/she will not be recognized to talk again until all others have been heard a first time. Commission members will await the public member's comments and Chair's recognition before responding.*

Three public attendees, no public comments.

11. Adjournment @ 8:47pm

Next Meeting: February 9, 2022 @ 7:30pm



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DUE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION, THIS MEETING IS BEING PRESENTED THROUGH THE ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THIS JANUARY 12, 2022 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING 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 PUBLIC NOTICE ON JANUARY 10, 2022 POSTED ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND HAS REMAINED CONTINUOUSLY POSTED AS REQUIRED UNDER THE STATUTE.

WITH ADEQUATE NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN, THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION SECRETARY IS DIRECTED TO INCLUDE THIS STATEMENT IN THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.