

FAIR HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES for Wed 7-15-2020 at 7:30 pm via Zoom

1. Call to Order 7:34pm by Brian
2. Sunshine Law Notice
3. Roll Call: Ralph Wyndrum (joined 7:57pm), Laline Neff (left 8:20pm), Jessie Murray, Brian Rice, Gary Patterson, Jonathan Peters (joined 7:46pm), Greg Wright (joined 7:35pm), Sarah Bayer, Councilman Mike McCue
Also in attendance Teresa Cassagrande, Susan O'Brien (public)
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of June Meeting Minutes – 7:39pm
6. Current Business
 - A. Sustainable New Jersey Project / Green Team (Laline) - Meeting next week, 3rd Tuesday of the Month ~ 7:30pm. Will have an update next meeting.
 - B. Rain Gardens (Ralph) – Still need to get plans together, likely fall planting event. We failed to get the SJ Grant for the RG at Nativity parking lot. We'll have to decide in Feb. 2021 whether to reapply or choose another project.
 - C. Navesink River / Stormwater (Brian) – Water has been very clear. Still need to work out best management practices for farms on river. State has furloughed workers, Lab open but limited, additional testing on hold. Clean Ocean Action got a grant to do own testing, but Brian needs to get in touch with them to get an update. Municipalities Committee expected to meet this month via zoom.
 - D. LED Streetlights (Ralph) – Teresa gives update. Waiting on JCP&L rep to get back to town. Trial run. Discussed potential to be funded through grant for expense. Have other towns tried using LED lights? LED not much more efficient than lights we currently have. JCPL, due to the pandemic and workloads, have not responded, and RWW will contact the FHG JCPL rep to get this rolling again. At this point, the first question will be to determine which other towns have installed LED street lights, and then determine their experiences with them.
 - E. Town Recycling (Mike/Laline/Gary/Sarah) – Mike has worked with Teresa – recycling department on webpage. Was sent to Ralph last week to share with us. Would like our input. Once final product done will roll-out in all social media to allow residents to get info in easy fashion. Our recycling coordinator is also reviewing, will also have hard copy availability. Email Teresa/Mike with thoughts about page. Recycle coach app – residents had to opt into it to register and had recurring costs. Mike showed page. Sarah to design draft sticker to put on cans. Brian can get a quote to print stickers. How to distribute through town? Every house? Can work with boy scouts or another group to deliver. Note - \$126/ton to recycle, \$86/ton for regular trash. (70% higher to recycle vs trash).
 - F. Shoreline / Park Clean-ups (Jessie) – Brian's camp has been cleaning daily. The dock is on the police's daily route to monitor.
7. New Business
 - A. McCarter's Pond (Theresa) – Public record documents available on studies and costs. Depends on funding and prioritization. Dredging was previously funded but there was no money for the trucking and nowhere in town to put spoils. Full scale dredging event is very expensive unless tie to capital expense like bulkhead repairs (which are also costly). Governing body has not been able to fund hydroraking yet. Potential to rake in grids. All projects have to

be put out to bid. More mobilizations the more expensive. Ralph says we should try asking vendors if they will do less at less percentage. New approach – hydrotanking most reasonable option. Expense is mobilizing/demobilizing equipment. Will cost more over time for mobilization/demobilization if multi events. Budget do in 1 year vs long run more spending. Dewatering should be done adjacent to pond. Discussed Monmouth county open space grant 2 years ago – included hydrotanking as part of the open space grant for trail that goes around natural area. Previous open space grant has been written and design need to update to get county funding. Teresa to share grant with us for input. Laline/Ralph to help work on grant.

- B. Brush Grinding Operations (Jonathan) – Mayor appointed the group to consider all options available which could include eliminate brush collection, move the site, trucking out (carbon footprint), or green can system to limit with scheduled pickups. Likely will survey town on options. Restricting material likely unreasonable bc taxes being paid per property. Ask landscape companies in town to take brush?
- 8. Council Update (Mike) – included throughout sections above.
- 9. Public Comments. Susan – Green Team meeting should be open to the public – currently conflicts with Planning Board meeting. Not enough room on towns zoom platform plus someone on the Boro has to participate on meeting to be the host of Zoom meeting. Has to be announced meeting to Green Team but unclear if meeting has been advertised to the public. The council picked the members. Will ensure next meeting will have no conflicts and either Teresa or Alyson will host meeting.
- 10. Adjournment. 840

Next Meeting September 16th via Zoom.