

FAIR HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES for Wed 5-20-2020 at 7:30 pm via Zoom

1. Call to Order 7:32
2. Sunshine Law Notice
3. Roll Call: Ralph Wyndrum, Laline Neff, Jessie Murray, Patrick Keeler, Gary Patterson, Brian Rice, Greg Wright, Jonathan Peters, Sarah Bayer, Councilman Mike McCue
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of February Meeting Minutes
6. Winner announced of Earth Day EC/Rec committee contest (to be awarded with Canyon Pass gift card) Hannah Nitka contest – who could find the most species animals/plants in town. 158 species photo documented. Plan to merge with FHEC annual report. Documented ~ 30 species a day.
7. Intro of Sarah Bayer.
8. How to Navigate with COVID-19 – ideas?
 - Need to reinvent new actions on what to do for time being. Will take day by day, potentially more opportunities by August.
 - Acme resumed back to plastic bags for now.
 - Next meeting to discuss comfort level of in person meetings.
9. Current Business
 - A. Sustainable Jersey Project / Green Team (Laline)
 - Green Team will meet next week via Zoom.
 - No waste initiative - How to reduce waste in town / can we start to work as a community to reduce waste especially large events. Potentially with FH Octoberfest. Campaign/Facebook/Newsletter and submit them/remind people on what to do.
 - B. Rain Gardens (Ralph)
 - Did not get the grant from Sustainable NJ.
 - Brian can put together plans and budget.
 - Ralph would like to submit a budget for FHEC for 2021 ~\$5k to install raingardens and similar projects. May be tough with budget for next year. Budget for next year Allyson said reach out to Teresa. Potential to put on the FH community appeal.
 - C. Navesink River / Stormwater (Brian)
 - Testing results have has not gotten worse – not as much data with Clean Ocean Action citizen monitoring on pause. NJDEP has auto samplers running.
 - River has alga bloom – caused by nitrogen from lawns which reduces oxygen. Alga is non-toxic to humans. NJ has tough regulations for fertilizer.
 - Fish kills of bunker – mild winter /river temperatures so bunker never left, fish kill expected to rise when more bunker enter the river as they do annually. Fish kill related to algae and overabundance of fish reducing the oxygen.
 - D. LED Streetlights (Ralph)
 - Ralph to distribute lighting hand book.
 - JCPL will change out some lamps from incandescent over 5 years. 50 per year free of charge once we get out of pandemic.
 - E. Town Recycling (Ralph/Laline/Greg/Mike)
 - Recycle Coach. <https://recyclecoach.com/municipalities/packages/> Type in what you want to dispose and directs you if item is trash or can be recycled. Includes days of trash/recycle pickups in town. We should recommend to town about using Recycle Coach – just need to download the app. Include in the newsletter. Need to find out if the town

subscribes to the app. Brian to talk to Allyson about app. Allyson will speak with Teresa and circle back next month.

- Mike contacted Mazza to do walk through at Rumson – but then COVID happened. Can do a walk through once get green light at Tinton Falls.
- Still need to find out how much of recycling is being thrown out / how compares with other towns. Also need to consider carbon footprint.

F. Shoreline / Park Clean-ups (Jessie)

- Potential for September cleanup. Will need to provide gloves.

10. New Business – none planned for next few months due to COVID.

11. Council Update

- Recycling - see above.
- Will discuss budget for next year. Potential to include gloves/bags for cleanups.

12. Public comment – Susan O'Brien mentioned that we need to take public into consideration before have in person meeting.

13. Adjournment. 833pm Next Meeting 6/17 via zoom