

## FAIR HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES for Wednesday September 16, 2020 at 7:30 pm via Zoom

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85312996822>

**Mobil or Land Line Telephone Call In:** 1-267-831-0333

**Webinar Number:** 853 1299 6822 (this is used for computer or whatever dial in you prefer)

1. Call to Order 7:45pm
2. Sunshine Law Notice – Read by Ralph
3. Roll Call: Ralph Wyndrum, Laline Neff, Jessie Murray, Brian Rice, Patrick Keeler, Gary Patterson, Jonathan Peters, Greg Wright, Councilman Mike McCue
4. Pledge of Allegiance 7:51pm
5. Approval of July Meeting Minutes – Ralph has some edits. Will approve next meeting.
6. Current Business
  - A. Sustainable New Jersey Project / Green Team (Laline) – Green Team meeting was yesterday. Invitation extended to chair of Rumson EC. Plan is to have speaker from different communities at the meetings to know what other towns are doing and for collaboration of projects (e.g., Rumson going for bronze certification for SJ). Reviewing Oceanic Bridge and how new bridge may affect birds, wetlands. Also discuss recycling such as obtaining 30% more capabilities for recycling #5 plastics. Other projects include getting HS kids and other local HS working on projects with EC. High school Green team?

Working on bronze recertification next year. Waste reduction campaign which includes 1-2 cleanups around Oct 17. Will have more details next week. May work with Clean Ocean Action (COA; they have event 10/24) part of Beach Sweeps. May be able to launch waste reduction initiative by starting cleanups.
  - B. Rain Gardens (Ralph) – Did not get the grant. Budget tight this year to do without. Will revisit next year.
  - C. Navesink River / Stormwater (Brian) – No new data since State has not been able to do testing other than their required testing. COA hosting meeting – they have their own equipment (but not certified lab). Brian will try to get some updated figures. Brian's observation of the river is clarity is great for this time of year. Water is mid-70s. crab pots on the river.
  - D. Town Recycling (Mike/Laline/Gary/Sarah)

Suburban picks up recycling and brings to Mazza. Mazza opened up new facility and can pick up and sort 30% more categories. Ralph and Mike to visit Mazza and understand changes. Laline would like to be included in meeting. Then will change literature/website as needed. Middletown has purchased Styrofoam recycling center and discussions have started on potential for shared resources for Styrofoam recycling.
  - E. Spotted Lantern Fly – An invasive insect that is now in the US – found in PA and now NJ. Was spotted as close as Manalapan; treatable by insecticide. Has been in local news. Has been put on FH website – Brian worked with Betty Ann to pull together.
  - F. McCarter's Pond – we've applied for an open space grant which would help pay for the hydroraking. Drying/ dewatering would be temporarily along pond and dried material suggested to be used on trails. Brian attended Zoom meeting about the grant – grant will be for a trail around FH fields. Organic material would go along the trails. Reach out to Nat Area Committee

and they seemed hesitant as to using material. Grant went out on Tuesday. 3-6 months for turn-around.

- G. Brush Grinding Operations (Jonathan) – There was a recent grind. Committee focusing on long term solutions. Different benefits to costs for each outcome. After storm event clean up streets – quick recycle times is critical. Will add recovery time to clean up after major storm events if changes made to operations. Could be volume and carbon footprint issue if operations moved elsewhere. Potential for a green can. Do we want to process for Rumson? No quick solution. Alternative way to get to facility (i.e., not running through residential street) would require NJDEP and federal approval to change road for 18 wheelers – seasonal use. Do we abandon the service?
  - H. LED street lights – Trial intended at 6-7 locations. JCPL doesn't have time currently. Ralph trying to find out what other towns have them. Ralph to contact municipalities.
- 7. New Business. None.
  - 8. Council Update (Mike) – hard date for Mazza visit. Styrofoam recycling. New building at Sunoco – raingardens to be built in.
  - 9. Public Comments. In attendance - Robyn O'Neil, Susan O'Brien, Thomas Cox (Oceanport Vice Chair EC)  
Susan – Concerned if brush pickup discontinued. not everyone has a landscaper.  
Tom – gave kudos to what we are doing as a commission.
  - 10. Adjournment. 8:40pm

Next Meeting October 21 @ 730pm via zoom.