

**FAIR HAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING – AUGUST 25, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucarelli at 7:07 p.m. The Flag Salute was led by Chief McGovern. The following Sunshine Law Notice was read:

**THIS IS THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN.**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS  
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MUNICIPAL FACILITIES ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. THIS MEETING IS BEING  
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PARTICIPATION FOR THIS SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2020, IS  
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(ZOOM). MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ON MUTE UNTIL PUBLIC  
QUESTIONS/COMMENT TIME, WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED. AT THAT TIME THE  
PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION/COMMENT BY PHONE OR  
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THE APPROPRIATE TIME.**

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RIVER TIMES, THE HUB AND THE STAR LEDGER ON AUGUST 19, 2020. THE  
NOTICE WAS POSTED ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, IN CONSTANT CONTACT, ON  
THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, AS REQUIRED UNDER THE  
STATUTE.**

**ROLL CALL**

On Roll Call the following were present via Zoom remote access: Mayor Lucarelli. Councilmembers Banahan, Chrisner-Keefe, Koch, McCue, Rodriguez and Sorensen. Others present were: Administrator Casagrande, Police Chief McGovern, Engineer Gardella and Eli Goldstein, Borough Architect.

**PRESENTATION**

1. **Borough Facilities Review and Discussion.** Mayor Lucarelli acknowledged that there were 38 attendees via Zoom. He stated that we are here to discuss our facilities which have depreciated and are in need of replacement. He requested this meeting be held due to governments, how they are and elections coming up; he felt it necessary to have a special meeting to discuss our options and to move forward with some decisions before we have another governing body come January 1<sup>st</sup> where we seem to reboot and start the process over again. This is a disservice to the DPW employees, the police department, the employees at Borough Hall and the taxpayer at large.

Councilwoman Sorensen asked to make a statement to her fellow Councilmembers, as Council President. She said, "I would like to remind everybody that we have been elected to make informed and sometimes rather tough decisions. Some members are new, and some have served for a while and we have had to make some tough decisions over the years. The Borough has been working on this project for over 5 years; we have listened to the public, we have listened to professionals and listened to Borough staff. We need to mitigate all of the negatives and accentuate the positives. Not everyone will be completely happy with what we finally come up with, but we need to come together as a governing body. I beg all of us to come together as a governing body to move this process along and forward. The residents of this town elected us to do just that: make these decisions. More importantly, those that work for the Borough deserve better and safer facilities than they are currently working within. I am very pleased that the newest members of Council had made a commitment at the beginning of the year to "get up to speed" on the facilities project. We are now at the stage that we can truly come together because we do have an obligation to work together and make decisions." Councilwoman Sorensen said that is why she and Councilwoman Koch requested this meeting and she really hopes that Council can make some tough decisions whether it is tonight or at a future Council meeting.

Administrator Casagrande said that the Borough started this process five years ago and we said that the path to least resistance was to keep the facilities in their same locations. That has been deemed not to be the best path forward by Councilmembers who have sat for the last five years.

We are going to present two separate plans; the Department of Public Works as one project

and the Police Department as the other. The DPW will be presented first as it has had the most time, effort, energy and planning invested in it. For many reasons and through many discussions and what has been presented to the public in the past, the building was to be moved toward Third Street with most of the site work behind the building being shielded from the public as much as possible. The Borough's professionals (Engineer Gardella and Eli Goldstein, Borough Architect) are part of the meeting tonight; both familiar with the site. Council needs to consider what has been done to this point with testing and planning to where we are right now for the DPW location.

Councilman Rodriguez made a statement that he believes the police department is the priority followed by the DPW site, then followed by the Community Center. He understands why the DPW is being presented first as the plan is more baked, but the police department is a higher priority.

Eli Goldstein, Borough Architect, shared his screen while Engineer Gardella gave a description of the site while referring to the current survey. Eli brought up the rendering site plan to the screen. Engineer Gardella said what was being viewed was a portion of the existing DPW site and the plan utilizing the northerly portion of the property (toward Third Street). The existing site is shrunk on the footprint while retaining the recycling area, storage for the equipment and vehicles, salt storage and dome, and parking for employees and visitors with the building fronting on Third Street. We will utilize screening and buffering along the perimeter of the site and maintaining green space in front of the building. There will be allowance for numbered spaces to provide overflow parking during off hours for utilization for the Community Center Fields directly across and adjacent on Third Street. There has been some internal design to maximize the efficiency of the space and circulation of the space; a few dozen versions have been reviewed based on needs and requests for the day to day operations.

Mr. Goldstein showed a current plan of the building with the interior layout; the center, more larger building would be used to house the larger vehicles, the left side (looking at the building) would be for the smaller vehicles and the right side would be for the staff offices, workroom and restrooms. There are stairs that lead to an attic or mezzanine that looks over the larger equipment and can be used for sign making. The parking lot view was shown with the garage doors and the office entrance as well as other elevations. The building was designed to be more compatible with the scale of houses in the surrounding neighborhood with material to match instead of an industrial metal building that is common for a DPW building. Engineer Gardella said that when we went into the project, we decided to take a "less is more" approach. The building design is one thing and the site itself needs to work on its own. The employees are coming and going and need proper access to the site and circulation in the site to perform the tasks at hand. The building is the second piece of it with an interior that has offices, mechanic area, storage, etc. We also need to maintain our Recycling Center that is heavily utilized by our residents; we need it to be in the appropriate location so that it can be accessed during work hours and in off hours. There is also storm management that occurs during storms and winter months at all different hours; the staff needs to be able to function. Engineer Gardella did a quick sketch showing the building at the southerly end of the property.

Mayor Lucarelli said that when this matter was discussed a little over five years ago, it was decided to shrink the facility to reduce the industrial use within the residential zone. We thought that we could make enough room for land that could be sold for housing but stepped away to look at the facility to deliver a new facility, leaving the residential component aside. Councilwoman Sorensen said Engineer Gardella and Eli Goldstein worked closely together regarding necessities and they "right-sized" the facility while making sure we had everything to function as a DPW. The most recent site plan was shown (an updated plan from what was shown earlier) and was worked on with the Architect's engineer which shows additional parking along Allen Street; it also incorporates the OEM shed, the impound yard for PD, fueling station and salt dome. An overlay of the existing site was shown by Engineer Gardella that currently backs up to Maple Avenue and the proposed building in the wood line was shown along Maple and Hendrickson. The size of the lot would be similar in nature to what the current site plan shows. There could be three residential lots along Third Street if DPW were located in the wood line. The parking along Allen Street could be accessed even when DPW's yard is locked. The Mayor said, the second plan for the building where it would be in the wood line, could create three lots (R-5) fronting on Third Street, but you would lose weekend parking for Community Center Fields.

Councilman Rodriguez suggested parking be with the Community Center and Police Department location as opposed to using anything with DPW. It is important to have a single floor, multi-bay facility with locker rooms and offices located at the southern point of the property directly adjacent to the current building; this is the best scenario. This plan would allow the current building to be used while the new one is being built, it maintains the frontage on Third Street, and maintains better vehicle flow and would be what the residents are currently used to. The layout of the gas pump and salt dome should remain as is. There should be a 40-year useful life for the building and be clear for future governing bodies as to our intentions and for a maintenance perspective. This

project is his second highest priority. Any additional parking for the ballfields and community center should be near the police department rather than DPW.

Councilman McCue asked Engineer Gardella, if the proposed building were on the north side, how many lots would be available for future housing/re-development? Approximately 5 or 6 homes based on the lot line. Councilman McCue said there could be more available lots to sell, but it may affect our Fair Share Housing plan. Administrator Casagrande said this is not a matter of relevance right now. Councilman McCue asked, if the facility is built on the southside, would additional testing and borings be required? Yes, in anticipation of the building being on Third Street, extensive soil borings and analysis were done. If the facility is moving to the wood line, some tree removal would be required for access to test and perform borings. Councilman McCue asked about the soil results for the northside of the building. Mr. Goldstein said that the soil borings were OK; the conditions were not that consistent from one corner of the building to the other and would require some removal, replacement and compaction. Councilman McCue asked what the cost estimate for more tests would be for the southside. Administrator Casagrande said that \$10,000 was spent on soil testing. He likes the enclosed DPW area with the open parking lot for ball game parking and asked if we could get the same if the DPW building were moved to the southside? We would have to move the parking lot into the middle of the neighborhood on Allen Street plus on street parking spots on Third Street.

Councilman Banahan said that he has been consistent since the beginning of the process. The new building should be on the southside of the lot (less of an impact than moving closer to Third Street). If the building is on the northside, it would have more of an impact on the neighborhood. We should retain frontage for future sale of lots on Third Street and put DPW on the southside. There is a lot that goes on along Third Street including the route for transition day to Knollwood School.

Councilwoman Koch said that Mr. Goldstein advised if we move DPW to southern end, remediation and compaction of soil would be required. She asked, if three lots were created to the south, wouldn't we still need to remediate the soil? Mr. Goldstein suspected probably not because residences weigh a lot less than an industrial building with maintenance equipment; we will know more with soil testing. Administration Casagrande said remediation will still be needed based on the testing and clean-up work being done with the DEP. Councilwoman Koch said in Mr. Goldstein's introduction he mentioned that the building that he created would go to the northern end of the property and would be more expensive in order to fit in with the neighborhood. She said, like Councilman Banahan, she is in favor of it going to the southern end because Third Street has turned out to be a beautiful residential area and the DPW, in that vicinity, would downgrade the neighborhood. Providing three more lots for residential homes would best to maintain the character of Third Street. She favored moving DPW to the southern end of the property and acknowledged the work that will still need to be done, but it will allow for lots and be a less expensive building.

Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe requested the sketch of the building at the southern side of the property be shown and asked if this would change the curb cuts for the entry and exit to the facility; yes. The existing curb cut was shown, and it would be too close to the building and would need to be shifted down. It has not been laid out yet; he just provided the concept of where the building would be located, in general, if pushed into the woods. Engineer Gardella said if you look at north end plan flipping the building up, it would require sliding things around to make it work (parking lot, OEM shed, salt dome and equipment parking). Mr. Goldstein said to keep the building close to the footprint of the existing building, we would need maintain 20' or so between the old building and erecting the new building. Councilman Rodriguez said that we could keep the gas pump and salt dome where they are to reduce costs. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe asked if consideration, historically, was given to rebuild the building in its current location? Administrator Casagrande said we thought about it over the years, but, for various reasons, we need functionality and we would need to retest the soil even with the building remaining. Mr. Goldstein said the current building has a lot of serious problems and it is not a matter of renovation so much as a need for complete replacement. Administrator Casagrande said our salt dome is 16 years old with a 20-year life expectancy; there's no point trying to hold on to it as a lynchpin for this plan. The gas pumps need to be replaced as they have reached their useful life. Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe asked if the building on the northside would include on-street parking and asked if it would be the same if on the south side. Engineer Gardella did not believe so because we don't know what is going near Third Street. The 15 parking stalls would be utilized by the employees with some extras for visitors. There would be no on-street parking on Third Street if the building is at the northern end.

Councilwoman Sorensen said that she is not married to the building being located at either side of the property as both have their merits. If we move the building toward the woods, is there an ability to carve out a small parking lot as opposed to a saleable lot? There is a need for additional parking especially on the weekends for games and residents have requested it over the years. By moving the building to the south side, would we be able to shrink the lot? It's understood we need

to replace the gas tank and the salt dome will need to be replaced as well, but can we make the site work smaller? Engineer Gardella said we have shrunk this as much as we can; Eli's professionals did a great job accommodating DPW's needs and will include the OEM shed, impound yard, etc. If moved to the wood line, the garage doors would face Third Street and the access from Allen would have to be considered and how it would be maintained. Costs will be about the same.

Mayor Lucarelli said it appeared the tenor is to come up with another site plan. No matter what we do, we will be affecting the neighbors. Engineer Gardella and Eli Goldstein will have to come up with a binary or three different plans for the next Council meeting, if possible. Administrator Casagrande said site work will be done by Eli and his Site Engineer as Rich Gardella is in the middle of other projects.

Councilwoman Sorensen said Councilwoman Koch had a great plan with the building not facing Third Street and the options for the building do not need to be as fancy which will save money. She asked Mr. Goldstein for options for the building's outside. Administrator Casagrande suggested waiting on soil boring tests before the design. Councilman Rodriguez asked, "do we need three plans, or can we use the south and the existing"? Mayor Lucarelli said yes, because of the requests, there was north, south and existing. Councilman Rodriguez said that we could pivot the current building on its corner to east/west orientation on the south edge of the existing site and face the bays north. Councilwoman Koch said we already have a site plan for the northern end of the property so we would need a site plan for the south end of the property. The Mayor misunderstood what Councilman Rodriguez was describing. Mr. Goldstein asked if Council wants to take soil borings from the south in order to discuss the plan costs. The Mayor said we would have to clear cut the woods (to test) prior to agreeing on the site layout or wait for a decision on the location. Consensus was to do the soil boring first. There was discussion on the soil results and remediation; we should let the professionals come up with the analysis and report back. Engineer Gardella will work with Eli and his Site Engineer so we should hold off on soil testing. Mr. Goldstein said a majority of the cost was the moving of the soil. He was asked to come up with a design everyone agrees on.

### **Police Department**

Eli Goldstein had a diagram for the police department that he shared through a Google Earth image and explained what everyone was looking at. He showed where the new building could be built (staying within the existing boundaries). He suggested two separate parking lots; one for the police department and its vehicles and another for the community center and other functions such as municipal offices. We would need to take down the existing building first before starting the new construction so the police would need to move out for 1 to 1 ½ years. He showed the existing view and then what it would look like if the building were moved more center to the property. There is no particular design for the building to be shown at this time, just the confines of the property for the site and the constraints. Mayor Lucarelli asked if the building were more center to the property, how many parking spaces there would be and if we would we need to encroach on our neighbors? Mr. Goldstein referred to a drawn site sketch and said there could be 15 spaces for police vehicles and 15 other spaces. A sally port (enclosed garage) is required for a police department. The Mayor asked Engineer Gardella how many parking spaces are at the current facility? Engineer Gardella said there are 25 to 28 existing spaces; he shared an overlay to the current location. The new facility (police department and community center) shows about 30 parking spaces. The land near the basketball court and recreation facilities could not be used because it is on the Borough's ROSI. Chief McGovern said that with the new design/footprint, we would be losing current parking spaces at the back of the building; he requested to see the proposed location and asked if the building could be moved closer to Fisk Street to allow for parking in the back of the building? Eli Goldstein said the lot is very tight (150'). Administrator Casagrande said the current generator at the PD/Community Center is no longer serviceable (broke down before last storm) as it is 25 years old. We are renting a generator, temporarily, and it is in the parking lot. We will work with our Architect to purchase a diesel generator for the site, hook it up where the temporary generator is and reuse it for the new construction. She asked for Council's consensus; it can be taken out of capital. Mr. Goldstein has sized the appropriate generator and it cannot be gas, it needs to be diesel. We can relocate the generator during construction. The police department would be in trailers during construction and we can move the generator back when new building is completed. Council was asked to consider purchasing a new generator at the next meeting. The Mayor said conceptually we thought the building would be three stories including a basement for record storage, a server room and a cooling center. The first floor for the police department was going to be 5,000 square feet and the same for the second floor that could be a community center overlooking the field or possibly relocating the Borough facilities to this building for Administrative offices with a Council Chambers/meeting room. This concept will be left for further debate at another Council meeting. We cannot currently meet at Borough Hall because of the size of the room and he felt it would be best moved to Fisk Street. Having the Borough Hall not on a main roadway, but more interior, will intensify the use in the neighborhood. Other options were provided such as a library/community center at the current Borough Hall; we will then need to discuss the original plan for 623 River Road for Borough offices.

Councilman Rodriguez said, for him, the police department is a priority, then DPW, Community Center, rehabbing Borough facilities and BIC Hall (ADA accessibility); a three-year plan. For the police department, he prefers a single floor with a basement to eliminate the need for elevators and second floors. We need gender-based locker rooms and building on the western side of the parking lot near Fisk Street. He walked the site and feels the new building should last 40-50 years. We will keep the radio tower where it is and share a parking lot with the Community Center (separate building from the police department by converting ROSI property to recreational use). Other parking options are available by moving the recreation and community center building to where the basketball court is. The community center should be a single story, multi-use room with high ceilings (25') for recreation sports and accessible bathrooms for park users. There could be a conference room for smaller meetings and/or a shelter for cooling sharing the generator discussed earlier. By shifting the building, it will provide more parking and more recreational opportunities (no one uses the tennis court; could use Fair Haven Fields courts). Mayor Lucarelli asked if he wanted two single level buildings at 5,000 square feet each and asked Administrator Casagrande if we can build a recreational facility on the courts; yes, if it is for recreation only. She, previously, circulated Green Acres information to the governing body; there is a process to go through. They are clear that it has to be strictly for recreation use.

Councilwoman Sorensen agreed with Councilman Rodriguez. She said where the basketball court is could be used for additional parking and the community center could be located where the tennis courts as a recreation center with indoor and outdoor facilities for public use. Agree with one story and a basement at 5,000 square feet (west side of the property).

Councilman McCue said he spoke with Councilman Rodriguez and Chief McGovern. The news that Administrator Casagrande shared regarding detaching the community center from the police station raises a lot of opportunity and a lot of potential and would be an asset for our recreational needs. Keep radio tower where it is. Understand having two buildings will create more maintenance, but it would be good to have one floor for the community center for our seniors and ease of access. With regard to the police department, he agreed it is a higher priority and then the DPW facility.

Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe said she is glad we are having this conversation and looking to rebuild at this location. She concurred with Councilmembers Rodriguez and McCue. She deferred to Chief McGovern for what the needs are for his department.

Councilman Banahan agreed with all that Councilman Rodriguez stated. He also deferred to the Chief for needs and requirements. We should not feel bad about losing the tennis courts as we have others in town. Agree with one floor building for both the police department and community center.

Councilman Koch agreed with her fellow Council. She liked Councilman Rodriguez's proposal to keep the police department to a basement and first floor. If there is a second floor, we would have a problem with parking. Great to keep community center separate with indoor and outdoor bathrooms. Basketball court and tennis courts are in bad shape and could be used for these plans.

Mayor Lucarelli confirmed with Eli Goldstein that he understood Councilman Rodriguez's plan. Mr. Goldstein said that he did, however, by State requirement, we still need to have an elevator between floors; it is a code requirement otherwise the plan is fine. Administrator Casagrande advised that she reread her e-mails to Green Acres and there are two moving parts with the ROSI. It would make most sense to have Eli Goldstein pencil something out with a concept plan and she will work with him, Attorney Alfieri and Green Acres to see about buildings in those locations. There is a process and the professionals can help us; we will need to get over the first hurdle. Councilman Rodriguez's proposal was to use the basketball area for the recreation center and not using the tennis courts which will free up space and will generate more parking. Either way, we need to clear the Green Acres hurdle. Councilman Rodriguez said building a new police department without disrupting the current police department is best. We can expand parking as best that we can for recreational center use. Councilwoman Sorensen asked Administrator Casagrande if we can use tennis courts for additional parking? There are two moving parts; parking and/or current facilities. Councilwoman Sorensen asked if we need to have temporary trailers, where would they go? In the basketball court. The Mayor thanked Councilman Rodriguez and Chief McGovern for their thoughts. The Borough Architect was asked to do a pencil sketch to present to the State for our ROSI to see if we have a viable application or not.

Councilman Rodriguez asked to speak about facilities for 2021/2022. As part of thinking through facility plans, he has given significant thought to Borough Hall, the Library and BIC Hall. He views BIC Hall as a smaller project and the lowest priority. Borough Hall should be kept at the existing building with a retrofit to have upstairs for the Administrative Offices with an office floor

layout and move the library to the first floor which will improve the circulation for the offices. We can modernize the office with updated windows and roof, improved heating and cooling, replacing the generator (if needed) and improve the layout optimizing the space for the employees. Currently, there are two sets of stairs and an elevator; we can probably eliminate the stairs in the middle of the building. The library can be kept at the same location as it works well for Sickles School and the downtown; it is used a lot and is one of the most popular libraries in the County per capita. We can retrofit the downstairs for the library (2021 project); increase public space inside the library for book clubs and other programs, add additional digital resources and computer locations as well as increase the interactive programs. We should enhance the natural light for downstairs to encourage public use. BIC Hall on Cedar will be kept as historic but retrofitted for improved digital and audio and use it as a "Town Hall experience" to incorporate it into our flow for day to day (a low priority project); it would be impactful. If there are acoustic improvements, we can use the building for Council Meetings, Board, Commission and Committee usage. We would need to improve ADA accessibility to be compliant. There is a vacant home next to the building that we could possibly purchase to improve the parking situation for the building; can consider looking into it (2022) to incorporate it into the building and Borough's assets. Holistically we have property and facilities that are quite useful. Councilwoman Sorensen completely agreed with Councilman Rodriguez.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON PRESENTATION**

Mayor Lucarelli opened the meeting to the public for comments and/or questions at 8:45 p.m. Chris Hempstead, Willow Street, echoed Councilman Rodriguez's prioritizing the police department over DPW. He asked if there is a way of consolidating the buildings by sacrificing the sale of lots at the DPW? He suggested putting the police department or Borough Hall with the DPW facility. There is a large commercial property (15,000 square feet) next to Acme for sale and he asked if it could be considered for a police department and Borough Hall or using DPW as a multi-purpose site. Mayor Lucarelli said the prior Council had examined a multi-purpose location for DPW, PD and Borough Hall and decided against it. With regard to 21 Cedar Avenue, we had a presentation to purchase 623 River Road (the cost and everything that would need to go into it approached a cost of \$20 million) and it fell short; the property at 21 Cedar Avenue would not be much financially but would be in that same ballpark. The reason for the pivot is, with the State's current finances and COVID, costs may be passed down to municipalities in future budgets. We are trying to focus on what we have and maximize on that to save money. The Mayor said he understands the owners of 21 Cedar Avenue have received an offer. Mr. Hempstead acknowledged the thoughtful consideration by the governing body and thanked them. It was asked if there is a landscape plan for the neighbors to hide the DPW facility? Yes, there will be a landscape buffering plan; it is not yet planned or determined.

Jillian Hoagland, Hendrickson Place, had two questions. She said her property is the one that juts out, as discussed earlier, and would be near the DPW facility. Currently, the woods are a buffer and she asked how far in the facility would be located? Engineer Gardella said it would be roughly 60 feet off of the jut out on Allen; about half-way into the recycling center. She understood the discussion to make the facility beautiful if it were located closer to Third Street and stated that the Allen and Hendrickson residents would like it to be beautiful as well for the neighborhood if relocated to the wood line. Mrs. Hoagland was told by neighbors that the previous administration gave a tax break concession where they were 30% lower because of all of the utilities and what was going on. She asked if the governing body would consider a tax break concession for the neighbors impacted by this new facility construction. Administrator Casagrande advised there is no current provision in the tax law for a tax break consideration based on the discretion of the governing body; taxes are paid based on assessed valuation. Generally, when you see a reduction in taxes in the areas that are close to a facility, like the DPW, it reflects the value of the homes in that location vs. another location. This is not something the governing body makes a unilateral decision on. Everyone pays the same tax rate; a homeowner would calculate the assessed valuation of their home and multiply it by the current tax rate to come up with what would be paid in taxes.

Reverend Thomas Johnson thanked the Mayor and Council for the meeting invitation. He said that there are a number of people/congregants, in attendance, that have a vested interest in this meeting discussion and what goes on near the church property. He was glad to hear that the church property will not be affected, in any manner, by the proposed construction. Reverend Johnson said that he and his congregation wanted to know what was going to happen and when it was going to happen. There was a church meeting and some of the members brought up that the Fisk Church property, in perpetuity, was supposed to remain as a church building. He and the congregants are gratified that things will stay the same and they will remain as Fisk Church in their current location. Reverend Johnson thanked everyone especially the Mayor who he appreciated reaching out to them and having a virtual meeting with the church members to work through any difficulties. Mayor Lucarelli thanked Reverend Johnson and his congregation for all they mean to the Borough of Fair Haven.

Carolyn Ferguson, Colonial Court, thanked everyone for the great presentation. She liked the

idea that everyone agreed on and asked about parking being added at the Community Center and not being needed at the DPW. Yes, that is what Councilman Rodriguez proposed as we are trying to take pressure off of Third Street. Councilman Rodriguez spoke with Chief McGovern about this and the idea is to have a one block, one way, on Fisk Street toward Maple Avenue, which may alleviate the traffic flow and any added burden on the community. It is tough to get two cars in opposite directions down Fisk Street. The thought is to have cars come down Fisk Street and exit onto either Maple or Church. He is not against additional parking on Third Street if that is the desire of the Council, but the idea was to put parking by the police department and recreation facility. Mrs. Ferguson asked if it would affect/impact the site plans being done. The police department and community center parking site plan would take additional parking spots into account. It would reduce the usage and burden on the DPW site, in his opinion.

Mayor Lucarelli thanked everyone (Council, Chief and the public) for their input and for attending the meeting. He thanked Councilman Rodriguez for all of his thought and hard work on these projects as well as Councilman McCue and the Facilities Committee. There was a lot of input from Chief McGovern and we have a good path forward.

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was closed to the public at 9:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn moved by Councilwoman Chrisner-Keefe, second by Councilwoman Sorensen with Ayes by all present.

Time of Adjournment: 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC/CMR  
Borough Clerk