

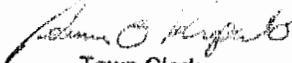
**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION**

**Town of Newington, Connecticut**

Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2021

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1. The regular meeting was held using Zoom platform and was called to order at 6:35p.m.
2. Roll Call- Commissioners present: Joyce Boncal, Patty Foley, Karen Serio, and Joe Trombetta  
Town Council Liaisons: Chris Miner, Gail Budrejko absent  
Staff present: Robert Hillman and Renata Bertotti
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Approval of minutes- Tabled until next meeting. Not all commission members had an opportunity to review
5. Public Participation- None
6. Old Business- Meeting was turned over to the Town Planner
  - A. Sustainable CT- Chairperson Foley and the Town Planer had nothing to report at this time.
  - B. Facebook- Chairperson Foley has continued to post information to the page once the Upcycling contest begins she will be posting information on the event.
  - C. Upcycling Contest- Commissioner Boncal mentioned the start date is set for April 12<sup>th</sup> with a due date of June 1st for all applications. Contest will end on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Boncal also reached out to former commissioner Mark Sims regarding donations for the prizes to be given out. He is still willing to donate \$200 for the gift cards to be awarded to the winners. His company will also be a sponsor of the event.

She also thanked the Town Clerk for printing the advertising posters to be hung between April 12th and April 14th

The Town Clerk updated the newsflash with a link to the Sustainable CT webpage. The Chairperson requested how many subscribers there are currently on the page. Town Clerk would provide the chairperson with the information

Commissioner Boncal mentioned she and Councilor Budrejko had an interview with the Newington Life and the article should be in the May or June edition. She went on to say notifications of the contest will be posted on the town website, posters, parks and recreation board in the center of town, social media, Town Crier, Rare Reminder and she has asked State Representative Gary Turco to mention the contest when he is able.

Image Ink has designed the poster and all commissioners agreed the dates of the event need to be on the sign. The Town Clerk tested the QR code which will bring residents

to the Sustainable CT landing page. Commissioner Boncal asked the Town Clerk to verify the application is fillable on line.

Commissioner Boncal asked for volunteers to be judges for the contest. Commissioner Serio and the Chairperson volunteered.

The Chairperson recommended for next year's event to request the use of the Parks and Recreation advertising board about four months in advance.

- D. Condominium letter- Serio sent communications out to all the condominium associations in which a few bounced back undeliverable. She will work with the chairperson to find the correct contact information.
- E. Positions open on Commission- Currently there are three positions open. Chairperson Foley reminded the commission a letter has been sent to the Town Council to update the membership. Once the council approves the changes the commission can move forward with adding members.
- F. Girl Scouts- The Chairperson attended a meeting with the girl scouts who are very excited and are in the process of putting together scripts, videos and props.
- G. School Poster Contest- Earth Day is April 22, 2021- the contest will be postponed until October which is energy month. The Chairperson would like to get students involved.
- H. Highway Dept- Mattress recycling- Mr. Hillman discussed everything in place to begin. Last step is to train the Transfer Station attendant. The chairperson asked if all the mattress and boxsprings will be recycled. Staff responded 100% of the items can be recycled.

7. New Business-

A. Communications/ Education on Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling- Nothing to report

8. Public Participation- None

9. Commissioner Comments-

Commissioner Trombetta asked what the dates for hanging posters will be. Boncal said to hold off until the QR code is updated

Commissioner Serio said the theme for Earth Day is "Restore Our Earth"

10. Staff Comments-

Mr. Hillman – None

Mrs. Bertotti- None

- 11. Adjournment- Next regular meeting is scheduled for May 12th at 6:30 p.m. Motion made by Commissioner Boncal to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Trombetta passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Hillman

Assistant Highway Superintendent