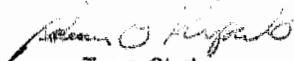


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**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION**

**Town of Newington, Connecticut**

Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2022

  
Town Clerk

1. The regular meeting was held using Zoom platform and was called to order at 6:43 p.m.
2. Roll Call- Commissioners present: Joyce Boncal, Patty Foley, Karen Serio, and Joe Trombetta.  
Commissioner Absent: Jean Kappes  
Town Council Liaisons: Mitch Page arrived at 7 pm and left at 7:15pm, Gail Budrejko  
Staff present: Robert Hillman Superintendent Highway & Sanitation;
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Approval of minutes- Motion by Commissioner Boncal to approve the May 12th meeting minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Trombetta, passed unani  
Motion by Commissioner Boncal to approve the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Serio, passed unanimously.
5. Approval of Agenda- No Changes
6. Public Participation- None
7. Old Business-
  - A. Sustainable CT- Chairperson Foley informed the commission Karen Gallichio will be assigned to Sustainable CT and allotted 7 hours per week to work on the certification. She also mentioned Sustainable CT will review the application to ensure the town is on the right track. She also has some ideas to get quick easy points. She also mentioned the certification is about getting the town, its residents and businesses together to make a better community
  - B. Facebook- Commissioner Serio reported the Keep Newington Litter free page is up subscribers to 261. The Think Before You Toss Page has remained the same. She would be happy to include anyone else if they would like to help update the page and is looking for ideas and pictures to post.
  - C. Positions open on commission / update type of members: Chairperson Foley mentioned there are three open positions on the commission and for anyone who would like to volunteer they should contact the town managers office
  - D. Litter pick up citizen group- Commissioner Serio noted that from July 2021- July 2022 the program has picked up 215 lbs of litter. The next pick up is scheduled for August 20 at 10:00 am at Clem LeMere field

## E. Events

1. Upcycling Contest- Commissioner Boncal thanked those who volunteered and recommended the contest be put to rest due to lack of interest. The Chairperson thanked Boncal for starting the contest.
  2. School poster/essay contest- The chairperson is still looking for a few more items and hopes to hold the contest in September or October
  3. Waterfall- Commissioner Boncal discussed a questioner regarding climate change and possible prizes for those that participated. She will prepare a budget for the commission. She would prepare everything but would not be able to attend the event. Commissioner Serio volunteered to run the point for the contest. Event is from 10 am – 3pm
8. Sanitation Department update- Mr. Hillman gave a brief update on information he is collecting for a curbside vegetation collection program. He has reached out to West Hartford for more information. He also reported the tonnages for the previous year's trash and recycling. Numbers have mostly remained flat while electronics waste and mattress tonnages have risen.
9. New Business-
- A. Communications/ Education on Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling- the Chairperson commented she was happy with the movement in Sustainable CT and the town's direction.
  - B. Balf Quarry report- Commissioner Boncal gave an extensive report on the air quality monitoring in the Balf Quarry area. She discussed the location of the monitors as well as the results. She also passed along the website, purpleair.com, where the results could be viewed.
10. Public Participation- None
11. Commissioner Comments- None
12. Staff Comments- none
13. Council Liaison comments- Councilor Budrejko mentioned there will be a discussion at the upcoming Town Council meeting regarding the Greater Hartford mobility study. There are four projects that potentially impact Newington; Fenn Rd train station, Rte 175 update, connecting of Alumni Rd and Maple Hill Ave., bikeway connecting greenway to Wethersfield Cove.
14. Next regular meeting- Scheduled for September 8th 2022 at 6:30 pm we will meet via Zoom until further notice
15. Adjournment- Motion made by Commissioner Boncal to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m., seconded by Commissioner Serio and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Hillman

Highway Superintendent