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**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION**

**Town of Newington, Connecticut**

Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2022

  
Town Clerk

1. The regular meeting was held using Zoom platform and was called to order at 6:31 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 unexcused absence, Gail Budrejko  
Staff present: Robert Hillman Superintendent Highway & Sanitation
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Approval of minutes- "Agenda item 7) E.3 questioner should read questioner".  
Motion by Commissioner Boncal to approve the minutes as amended, second by Commissioner Trombetta, passed unanimously.
5. Approval of Agenda- No Changes
6. Public Participation- None
7. Old Business-
  - A. Sustainable CT- Chairperson Foley is looking into items in which the town can earn some easy points.
  - B. Facebook- Commissioner Serio reported the Keep Newington Litter free page is up subscribers to 262. The Think Before You Toss Page has remained the same. She spoke about the weekly posts and thanked Councilor Budrejko for her assistance.
  - C. Positions open on commission / update type of members: Chairperson Foley mentioned she may have a resident who is interested in joining the commission. She will reach out to them again.
  - D. Litter pick up citizen group- Commissioner Serio stated there was a meeting in August but the meeting in September was cancelled due to a conflict at Clem LeMire field. She will post when the October meeting is scheduled.
  - E. Balf/Tilcon Quarry report- Commissioner Boncal gave an update on the air quality monitoring in the Balf Quarry area. She spoke specifically about the levels on August 30 and showed a screen shot of the days report and how levels where over 50 at one point. She also mentioned EPA states levels between 51-100 are acceptable but may cause issues for those at risk. The biggest concern is the amount of silicate in the air.

She would like to see the air coming from Balf tested and a few more monitors installed in the area. She will update the commission on the date of the next meeting in October.

#### F. Events

1. School poster/essay contest- The chairperson is still looking for the information
2. Waterfall- Commissioner Boncal discussed the needs for the event.
  - 2 Folding table \$55 each. Commissioner Serio may have one or two
  - 10 Basil packets- Stonehedge may donate
  - EQC banner 10" x 4' \$45
  - Chamber of Commerce registration- \$160 Foley recommended to reach out to the chamber to waive the fee.

Chairperson Foley will reach out to the Finance Director to see if the EQC still have money in the budget and how to go about issuing a PO to purchase items.

8. Sanitation Department update- Mr. Hillman discussed the town road paving project and Chairperson Foley asked if the millings were recycled. Mr. Hillman explained the process and how the millings were 100 percent recycled.

9. New Business- None

10. Public Participation- None

11. Commissioner Comments-

Commissioner Trombetta commented we need to keep on Tilcon and air quality monitoring.

Commissioner Boncal mentioned that there is always a constant amount of water on earth whether it is in solid, liquid or gas form.

Commissioner Serio thanked everyone for all their help.

12. Staff Comments- none

13. Council Liaison comments- Councilor Budrejko spoke about the letter sent out by the Parks and Grounds Dept. regarding the goose problem at the government center and the options for mitigating the issue.

14. Next regular meeting- Scheduled for October 13th 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 7:26 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Trombetta and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hillman, Highway Superintendent