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Minutes
Joint Green Efforts Committee
October 3, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Present:

In attendance:

Shannon Rutherford, Assistant Town Planner

John Vibert
Katy Perry

2 high school students at the meeting for their government class

- A. Call to Order – 6:40pm.
- B. Public Comment
None
- C. Administrative / Communications
 - 1. The September 13, 2017 and June 6, 2017 meeting minutes were not approved due to a lack of quorum.
 - 2. Semi-annual Newsletter: Shannon let the Committee know that Rose and the Economic Development Commission are preparing to launch Explore Farmington and that this may provide a better opportunity to connect with the public than an emailed newsletter. Explore Farmington is expected to launch in November.
 - 3. Membership: John Hinze has resigned from the Committee. Greg Hall was appointed to the Committee at the September 19, 2017 Town Council meeting. There was some discussion as to whether or not the Chair of the Committee is appointed or elected among the members. (Per the bylaws: The members of the committee, board or commission at the first meeting normally elect these (the officers). In some instance, the appointing authority designates the chairperson.)
 - 4. Unionville Festival – September 24th, noon to 4:30pm
 - a. Katy Perry was at the table for the entire festival and Cate joined her for the second half of the afternoon. Katy indicated that we need to make a note to have a canopy or large umbrella if the weather is hot like it was this year.
 - b. It was noted that there were no recycling bins at the festival this year and a number of people were looking for them. (Shannon has made an inquiry as to whether or not recycling can be provided next year.)
 - c. There was low interest in the rain barrels and compost bins.
 - d. The map worked really well for the Adopt a Spot program. Approximately 15 to 20 people signed up. The next step is to

create a Google Map with the adopted areas noted and have it linked to the Green Efforts web page.

D. Energy Conservation

a. Old Business

1. Solar – Municipal Buildings and Land – no update. Katy to follow up with Katie Bradley to see if she is interested in discussing the Miss Porter's project with us.
2. Exterior Municipal Lighting Project – Installation is 80% complete; energy use tracking will commence later this year.
3. Street Lighting Project – Shannon provided an update regarding the status of the project. We are currently in the review phase of the design plans and working with Eversource regarding the purchase.
4. Municipal Car Charging Stations – no update.

b. New Business

None

E. Waste Reduction

a. Old Business

- i. Curbside Textile Recycling – no update.
- ii. 2018 Annual Clean-Up Day
 1. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day has been confirmed for April 21, 2018. The Annual Clean-Up Day will take place the same day.
 2. Shannon confirmed that there is budget available to the Committee in both the Green Efforts account and the Clean-Up Day account. These funds are available for the purchase of additional garbage bags, t-shirts for volunteers, etc.
- iii. 2017 Compost Bin / Rain Barrel Sale
 1. Per the notes about the Unionville Festival, there was little interest in the Compost Bin and Rain Barrel.
 2. Katy noted that Miss Porter's is moving to a contracted composting system at the cafeteria. Katy will ask Katie Bradley if she is interested in coming to speak to the Committee about this contract – how it is working, pluses / minuses, etc.
- iv. DEEP Dive – SMART waste reduction – no update

- F. Open Space Management / Invasive Species Reduction
 - a. Old Business
 - i. CT Water Planting Area Update: weeding day - on-going
 - b. New Business

Adjourn 7:25 pm

cc: Kathy Eagen, Town Manager
Kathy Greider, Superintendent of Schools
Chris Fagan, Board of Education
Tim Harris, Director of School Facilities
Mary Paganini, Administrative Assistant
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Russ Arnold, Director of Public Works
Erica Robertson, Assistant Town Manager