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Minutes
Joint Green Efforts Committee
May 1, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Present:

In attendance:

Patti Boye-Williams
Cate Grady-Benson
Greg Hall
Katy Perry

Shannon Rutherford, Assistant Town Planner

- A. Call to Order – 6:33pm.
- B. Public Comment
None
- C. Administrative / Communications
 - 1. Meeting Minute approval for:
 - a. April 3, 2018 – motion to approve: G. Hall, second: K. Perry, vote: all approve
 - 2. Explore Farmington:
Shannon to email John to see if he can switch to June, as the textile recycling program has been delayed.
Below is the schedule of the blog postings and topics. Posting are to be ready by the 1st of the month.

April	Cate	Annual Clean Up Day
June	Patti	Textile Recycling
August	John	CT Water Planting Area/Invasive Species Management
October	Rodger	Harvesting / Growing cycle
December	Katy	Energy Savings projects – household focus
February	Andrea	Energy Saving / Recycling efforts for students
- D. Waste Reduction
 - a. Old Business
 - 1. 2018 Annual Clean-Up Day
 - a. Approximately 160 volunteers participated in Clean Up Day this year.
 - b. The Heaviest Haul Winners are:
 - i. Civic Organization – Farmington Democrats
 - ii. Youth Sport Teams and Scout Groups – Boy Scout Pack 68
 - iii. Businesses – EBM-Papst
 - iv. School Groups – Miss Porter's School
 - v. Individual and Family – Nelson Family
 - c. Prizes will be awarded in the upcoming week or two.
 - d. The total weight of trash collected is 4.02 tons, per the weight reported from the Highway and Grounds Department.

- e. Donations were received from the following businesses: Dunkin Donuts of Unionville, Farmington Miniature Golf & Ice Cream Parlor, 4 Eat and Drink, Georges Pizza, Highland Park Market, Naples Pizza, Stop and Shop of Unionville, Taprock Beer Bar and Refuge, and Butchers and Bakers.
- f. Thank you notes will be sent to all of the sponsors and an announcement will be posted to the town website.
- g. The 'grabbers' for picking up the trash were a huge success. All grabbers that were signed out were returned.
- h. The assistance from the Highway Department throughout the day was greatly appreciated.
- i. The extra fruit at each check in location was donated to the Farmington Food Pantry.
- j. The t-shirts were a huge success. Most volunteers took t-shirts.
- k. Looking ahead to 2019 the committee would like to consider aligning the Farmington Clean Up day with the Farmington Valley Trails Council, trail clean up.
- l. This fall we will have the opportunity to participate in the FRWA river clean up.

2) Textile Recycling

- 1) The contracts have been reviewed by the Finance Director. The next steps involve the resolution of the comments with the Simple Recycling representative.

b. New Business - None

E. Open Space Management / Invasive Species Reduction

a. Old Business

- i. CT Water Planting Area Update: The planting day has been scheduled for May 8th with the CT Water volunteers. Knotweed removal can be done at anyone's convenience.

b. New Business - None

F. Other Items

1) Green Efforts Committee Logo

- 1) We reviewed the final cut sheet of the logo and all agreed that everything looked good.
- 2) Katy will update the Facebook page with the logo.
- 3) Shannon to update the website and establish a letterhead for the Committee.

2) Town Council Strategic Plan

- 1) Patti reviewed the dates in May that the Town Council will be discussing the Strategic Plan.
- 2) The Committee reviewed the listed Desired Outcome and Goal for the Green Efforts Committee as identified in the current 2016-2018 Strategic Plan.

- 3) There was some discussion that Moody's may, in the future, be requiring communities to have a Climate Action Plan in order to secure their bond rating; and it is likely that there are actions the Green Efforts Committee can assist with.
- 4) After much discussion there was a consensus that the Desired Outcome and the Goal should be restated to reflect the work the committee is currently undertaking.
- 5) In general, the committee agreed that the Desired Outcome and Goal should include:
 1. Natural Resources and Conservation
 2. Energy Reduction and Alternative Energy
 3. Waste Reduction and Recycling
- 6) The discussion continued and included possible action items the Committee can work on:
 1. outreach to businesses
 2. establishing sustainable environmental metrics to achieve long-term sustainability
- 7) Members were asked to be prepared to discuss potential action items at the next meeting.

Adjourn 7:45 pm (C. Grady-Benson/K. Perry)

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
Rose Ponte, Director of Economic Development
Russ Arnold, Director of Public Works
Erica Robertson, Assistant Town Manager