Minutes

Joint Green Efforts Committee
December 4, 2018
6:30 p.m.

In attendance:
Patti Boye-Williams
Erica Robertson, Assistant Town Manager
Katy Perry
Stacey Petruzella
John Tucker

A. Call to order – 6:33 p.m.

B. Public Comment – no public comment

C. West Hartford Clean Energy Commission members – rescheduling for 2019

D. Administrative / Communications
   a. Meeting Minute approval for October 2, 2018 – M/S/A as amended – K. Perry / J. Tucker / all
   b. 2019 Meeting Schedule approval – M/S/A as amended – J. Tucker / K. Perry / all
   c. Explore Farmington
      i. Rodger’s blog was posted in mid-October
      ii. Below is the list of past blog posts and a list of potential upcoming topics:
         1. April  Cate  Annual Clean Up Day
         2. August  John  Invasive Species Management
         3. October  Rodger  Harvesting / Growing Great Garlic
         4. Katy     Energy Saving Projects – household focus
         5. Andrea   Energy Saving / Recycling efforts for students
         6. Stacey   Household Composting
         7. Other topic ideas: waste reduction, water usage/conservation, alternatives to using wrapping paper
E. Waste Reduction
   a. Old Business
      i. 2019 Annual Clean Up Day – scheduled date April 27, 2019
   b. New Business
      i. Waste Reduction Sub-Committee report (Katy, Betty, Rodger)
         1. Katy provided and update to the group regarding the initial meeting the sub-committee had in November.
         2. The focus will be on businesses. The intent is to start with restaurants and expand from there.
         3. They will promote environmentally friendly practices and provide recognition for implementation of practices.
         4. They will develop an information flyer and request that businesses pledge to participate.
         5. The group discussed the ‘What’s In What’s Out’ campaign on the recyclect.com website and thought this would provide a good reference for businesses too.
      ii. Residential outreach regarding best practices for Waste Reduction
         1. provide flyers at clean-up day
         2. Updated stickers for the recycling bins.

F. Open Space Management / Invasive Species
   a. Old Business
      i. CT Water Planting Area – dormant for the winter

G. Other Business
   a. Sustainable CT
      i. Patti shared an email she had received from a resident, Barbara Waters, and Jessica LeClair, regarding the Sustainable CT program. Patti also shared a summary flyer about the Sustainable CT program.
      ii. There was some discussion amongst the Committee about the effort required to register verses the benefit to the community, is there grant money available, etc.
      iii. Patti indicated that she would follow up with Jessica LeClair.
   b. Katy received an email from a resident about recycling efforts in the schools. Katy shared the email with the Committee. Katy will follow up with the resident.
H. Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 p.m. M/S/A K. Perry / J. Tucker / all