

Agenda
Joint Green Efforts Committee

May 7, 2019
Town Hall, Council Chambers
6:30 p.m.

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Public Comment**
- C. Presentations – None**

- D. Administrative / Communications**
 - 1. To Approve the April 2, 2019 meeting minutes.
 - 2. Explore Farmington – discuss blogs and due dates
 - 3. Green Efforts Newsletter – wrap up and future plans

- E. Waste Reduction**
 - 1. Old Business
 - 1) 2019 Annual Clean Up Day –after action discussion
 - 2) Waste Reduction Sub-Committee report
 - 3) Noah Wallace School
 - 4) Textile Recycling

 - 2. New Business – new initiative discussion

- F. Open Space Management / Invasive Species Reduction**
 - 1. Old Business
 - 1) CT Water Planting Area – May 7th Planting
 - 2. New Business

- G. Other Business**

- H. Adjournment**

cc: Kathy Blonski, Town Manager
Russ Arnold, Director of Public Works / Town Engineer
Paula Ray, Town Clerk
Kathy Greider, Superintendent of Schools
Chris Fagan, Board of Education
Mary Paganini, Administrative Assistant
Sandra Michaud, Land Use Coordinator

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April 2, 2019

6:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Patti Boye-Williams

Katy Perry

Stacey Petruzella

Cate Grady-Benson (by phone)

Rodger Phillips

Erica Robertson, Assistant Town Manager

Tim Harris, BOE Facility Manager

Absent:

Betty DaCruz

John Tucker

Andrea Sobinski

I. Call to Order -The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

J. Public Comment- None

K. Presentation- Madeleine Parent – Municipal Solid Waste

Ms. Parent gave a presentation to the committee on her high school capstone project. This project focused on reduction of waste. She and her family worked to reduce waste in their home and she analyzed the methods and results of that reduction effort. She also analyzed municipal solid waste in the region. The committee congratulated her on her project and we will use some of the findings in our waste reduction efforts.

L. Administrative / Communications

1. To Approve the March 5, 2019 meeting minutes. M/S/A– Perry / Petruzella/ all in favor as amended
2. Explore Farmington – discuss blogs and due dates – No report
3. Green Efforts Newsletter – The committee reviewed the draft newsletters and gave suggestions for changes.

M. Waste Reduction

1. Old Business
 - 1) 2019 Annual Clean Up Day –final plans - April 27, 2019 – Everything is ready to go. Shirts, bags, and grabbers have been ordered and will be ready for the event. Advertising is set up. Civic groups have been approached. Volunteers will be solicited through Sign Up Genius.
 - 2) Waste Reduction Sub-Committee report – The Green Spot Light initiative will be highlighted in the Green Efforts newsletter.
 - 3) Noah Wallace School – Styrofoam has been eliminated. Reusable 6 compartment trays are on order. It was confirmed that there are industrial dishwashers in every school cafeteria.
 - 4) Textile Recycling – No report
2. New Business

N. Open Space Management / Invasive Species Reduction

1. Old Business

- 1) CT Water Planting Area – A summary of the program was given to the Committee. This program’s goal is to keep Japanese knotweed under control. The CT Water Planting Area is a partnership with towns in the Farmington River Watershed. Town volunteers get the area ready by removing as much knotweed from a designated area as possible. The Planting Area then plants species of vegetation that in theory should take over the knotweed. It is a three-year program. Staff will find out what year we are in.

2. New Business – none

O. Other Business – none

P. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm M/S/A- Perry/Phillips all in favor.