Minutes

Joint Green Efforts Committee
March 5, 2019
6:30 p.m.

In attendance:
Patti Boye-Williams                   Erica Robertson, Assistant Town Manager
John Tucker                           
Katy Perry                            
Stacey Petruzella                     
Andrea Sobinski                       
Cate Grady-Benson                     
Absent:                               
Rodger Phillips                       
Betty DaCruz                           

A. Call to Order – The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

B. Public Comment - None

C. Presentation- West Hartford Clean Energy Commission- Bernie Pelletier presented on the West Hartford Clean Energy Commission. He discussed what their committee is busy with and what their focus and goals are. See the Attached presentation for details. One of the largest tasks that they are working on is the rewrite of the 2009 West Hartford energy Plan. They are hoping to include a community energy conservation plan as well as the plan for municipal operations.

D. Administrative / Communications
   1. To Approve the Feb 5, 2019 meeting minutes. - M/S/A– Perry / Grady-Benson / all in favor as amended
   2. Explore Farmington – discuss blogs and due dates - Erica will post the Clean Up Day flyer in April as a post. Others will try to do their assigned blogs.
   3. Green Efforts Newsletter – due dates and printing – The newsletter is in production and should be published in early April.

E. Waste Reduction
1. Old Business
   1) 2019 Annual Clean Up Day – final plans - April 27, 2019 – The final plans are being made for the day. Many of our donors have continued their support this year.
   2) Waste Reduction Sub-Committee report – Katy Perry shared with the group the concept of “Doing Well by Doing Good”. There was discussion around using this concept in our web page, Facebook page, and a blog post for Explore Farmington.

   We will add Noah Wallace to this area of the agenda. There was no report on the status of recycling upgrades at the school.

2. New Business
   1) Curb Side Recycling – Erica will talk to Shannon on what the next steps are for this program. Simple Recycling is a textile recycling program. We believe that the contract still needs to be signed.

F. Open Space Management / Invasive Species Reduction
   1. Old Business
      1) CT Water Planting Area – No report
   2. New Business

G. Other Business – None

H. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm M/S/A- Sobinski/Perry all in favor.