

Agenda
Joint Green Efforts Committee

September 3, 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 August 7, 2019 meeting minutes.
2. Explore Farmington – discuss blog ideas
3. Green Efforts Newsletter – discuss next edition content
 - 1) Ideas thus far – reducing Holiday waste, bag law, ideas from 9/16/19
4. Plastic Pollution Presentation – Sept 16, 2019
 - 1) Committee Participation / Attendance

E. Waste Reduction

1. Old Business
 - 1) Waste Reduction Sub-Committee report
 - 2) Textile Recycling- Discuss program
2. New Business – new initiative continued discussion - narrow down
 - 1) Discuss possible reusable bag promotion – 140 bags ordered

F. Open Space Management / Invasive Species Reduction

1. Old Business
 - 1) CT Water Planting Area – knotweed removal – public participation
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

Minutes
Joint Green Efforts Committee
August 7, 2019
6:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Patti Boye-Williams
Stacey Petruzella
Cate Grady-Benson
Betty DaCruz
Andrea Sobinski

Erica Robertson, Assistant Town Manager

Absent:

John Tucker
Rodger Phillips
Jennifer Wynn

I. Call to Order -The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.

J. Public Comment- None

K. Presentation- None

L. Administrative / Communications

1. To Approve the May 7, 2019 meeting minutes. 1 typo change nest to next M/S/A– DaCruz / Sobinski/ all in favor as amended.
2. Blog ideas – use NY RecycleRightNY - see Stacy’s email dec.ny.gov
 - 1) Does Diane have a Facebook account – make her an administrator of the Green Efforts Facebook page
 - 2) Bags – A motion was made –(M/S/A- Grady-Benson / Petruzella) to allow the purchase of reusable bags up to a cost of \$500. The bags should be available at the Sept 16 special event.
 - 3) Green Efforts Newsletter Newsletter - It was decided to publish another newsletter in Mid-November / before Thanksgiving – How to reduce waste in Holidays, bags in general, rules etc have been discussed as topics for inclusion.
 - 4) **Legislative Update**
 1. Bags tax and ban did pass.
 2. Offshore wind passed, procure energy from offshore turbines
 3. Styrofoam trays did not pass
 4. Virtual net metering – cap was expanded for municipalities
 - 5) Plastic Pollution Presentation – Sept. 16th. A motion was made and seconded to Co-sponsor a recycling program presentation with the Farmington Library on September 16, 2019 M/S/A Petruzella / Grady-Benson. It was discussed that we would look to market this program with some special notes:
 1. Friday Folders Siya – FHS students
 2. Middle school teachers – Messie
 3. Porters girls invite

M. Waste Reduction

1. Short report from the Waste Reduction Subcommittee – We will work on an In the Spotlight article for EBM Pabst. Cate GB and Betty will work together to produce something for Rose’s newsletter.
2. Take off the Noah Wallace school agenda item
3. Textile Recycling – this is moving along and will be discussed at the staff level in the next several weeks.

N. Open Space Management / Invasive Species Reduction

1. Old Business
 - 1) None
2. New Business – Reach out to girl scouts and boy scouts for Knotweed removal and ask if they would do it.
 - 1) Christie Bouker and Tiffany Noonan for Girl Scouts
 - 2) Olivio Germano for Boy Scouts

O. Other Business –

1. **Green Design** – How can we get on agenda/public comment for FHS Green roof, solar and charging station?
2. Next meeting – Sept 3

P. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm M/S/A- / all in favor.