

Minutes  
**Joint Green Efforts Committee**  
February 2, 2016  
**6:30 p.m.**

Present:

In attendance:

John Vibert, Chair  
Betty DaCruz  
Katy Perry  
John Hinze  
Liz Fitzsimmons  
Cate Grady-Benson

Erica Robertson, Assistant Town Manager  
Tim Harris, Director of School Facilities

- A. Call to Order – The chair called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
- B. Public Comment  
None
- C. To Approve the Following Minutes.  
The minutes of January 5, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved (Hinze / Grady-Benson).
- D. Old Business.
1. Solarize Farmington  
Peter Stevenson from All Green It presented a recap of Solarize Farmington. A total of 95 projects were completed. The impact of the installs was significant. The systems in total are producing 696,443 kWh/year. Over the lifetime of the systems, 14,277 tons of (CO<sub>2</sub>) will be eliminated from the Town's footprint. Our efforts are responsible for a conservative constituent utility savings of \$5,196,402.  
  
A general discussion ensued regarding a municipal solar initiative. The committee would like to investigate putting solar panels on town buildings/ town land. The first step is to conduct an audit of our buildings to determine which would be suitable for solar. It was suggested that we look to the DAS website for possible vendors. All schools and large town buildings should be evaluated. It is anticipated that a power purchase agreement would be most advantageous since there is not currently any funding available in the Town's budget for a solar initiative.  
Next Steps – Looks for vendors on DAS, Solarize and Green Bank.  
Ask is Peter Stevenson if All Green It would be a vendor that could be used for a PPA.
  2. Discuss Goals
    - Annual Clean Up Day –April 30, 2016 is the date. Household Hazardous Waste collection will also occur that day. There was a discussion on possible donations for prizes. The group would work to help Cate secure more donations.
    - Community Pledge – no report

- Outdoor Lighting Project – Tim and Erica are working with the consultant to move the project forward. They are reviewing the cost estimate at this time and will need to work with the planning commissions on approvals. Historic lighting is being investigated at Noah Wallace and Union Schools.

E. New Business

1. Compost Bins

It was determined that the best approach for this project was to do a pre-order sale with a one time delivery. The program will be advertised and marketed at the Clean Up Day and through the town wide newsletter. We will need to cement a date for distribution and order some samples to have on hand for April 30.

2. Adopt A Roadway

Information is still being gathered. Once a better idea of the program is obtained the committee will seek the help of the economic development director to market the program.

F. Other Business

Meeting schedule – The next meeting will be March 1, 2016.

G. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

cc: Paula Ray, Town Clerk to post  
Deb Bull – by e-mail for the Web  
Kathy Greider, Superintendent of Schools  
Mary Grace Reed, Board of Education  
Mary Paganini, Administrative Assistant