

Agenda
Joint Green Efforts Committee

December 18, 2019
Irving A Robins Middle School
**** Please Note location and time****
11:30 a.m.

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Public Comment**
- C. Presentations – Chartwells: Jose Fontanez**
- D. Administrative / Communications**
 - 1. To Approve the November 13, 2019 meeting minutes.
- E. Other Business - Meeting Schedule – reminder that there is no January 2020 meeting.**
- F. 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**

**November 13, 2019
Town Hall, Council Chambers
6:30 p.m.**

In Attendance:

Patti Boye-Williams
Stacey Petruzella
Andrea Sobinski
Jennifer Wynn
Erica Robertson, Assistant Town Manager

Margaret Heiner - Guest

Absent

Maureen Messier
Rodger Phillips
Cate Grady-Benson

G. Call to Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

H. Public Comment - none

I. Presentations

Two Lego League teams presented their updated projects. Both were innovative and green.

1. **Future Force – Ellington students**
Sprinkler system for ice control (new solution)
2. **Team Genius – Farmington & Avon**
Trash & recycling underground storage and collection (invent, improve implement)

J. Administrative / Communications

1. **To Approve the October 1, 2019 meeting minutes.**
Upon a motion made and seconded (Sobinski/Petruzella) it was unanimously voted: to approve the October 1, 2019 meeting minutes as revised.
2. **Explore Farmington – discuss blog ideas – No action or discussion**
3. **Green Efforts Newsletter – positive comments from the public and committee members. Overall it was well received. If budget allows we should continue these publications.**

K. Waste Reduction

1. Old Business

- 1) **Textile Recycling-** Project will launch December 9th Marketing Campaign has been ongoing.

2. New Business

1) Jose Fontanez – Chartwells – a good conversation was held about how the school lunch program is reducing waste:

1. **FHS** – strawless as of October 2019
2. **East Farms** – composting with 5-gallon bins for kitchen prep. The scraps are going to the school garden.
3. **FHS** – Green House has composting, the back of the house staff composts. Working on expanding composting.
4. **Noah Wallace** – Styrofoam trays eliminated, six component reusable trays are in use.
5. **East Farms** – next for eliminating Styrofoam
6. **FHS** – last for no Styrofoam, can't do yet due to kitchen conformation
7. **Goal by end of school year:** Reusable trays at all schools less FHS. FHS's layout will not allow for reusable trays.
8. **Food Donation:** will investigate this program
9. **Cafeteria Ad Hoc:** there is a student helping Jose with ideas for being green.

- 2) **Tour of School** –Erica will organize a tour of IAR so that the committee can see a lunch room in action. This will be our December meeting.

L. Other Business

Face Book Page Editors – Erica will sign up individuals on the committee to be an editor of the green efforts facebook page.

M. Adjournment

Upon a motion made and seconded (Sobinski/Petruzella) it was unanimously voted: to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.