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.