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

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

B. Public Comment - none

C. 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)

D. 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.
E. 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:
      • **FHS** – strawless as of October 2019
      • **East Farms** – composting with 5-gallon bins for kitchen prep. The scraps are going to the school garden.
      • **FHS** – Green House has composting, the back of the house staff composts. Working on expanding composting.
      • **Noah Wallace** – Styrofoam trays eliminated, six component reusable trays are in use.
      • **East Farms** – next for eliminating Styrofoam
      • **FHS** – last for no Styrofoam, can’t do yet due to kitchen conformation
      • **Goal by end of school year**: Reusable trays at all schools less FHS. FHS’s layout will not allow for reusable trays.
      • **Food Donation**: will investigate this program
      • **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.

F. Other Business

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

G. Adjournment

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