

**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.