

Agenda
Joint Green Efforts Committee

March 3, 2020
Town Hall, Conf A
6:30 p.m.

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Public Comment**
- C. Presentations – Sustainable CT, Alyssa Norwood**
- D. Administrative**
 - 1. To Approve the February 12, 2019 meeting minutes
 - 2. April Meeting - Need a date (Bring your calendar)
- E. Public Education Goal**
 - 1. Annual Clean Up Day- April 25, 2020
 - 2. Explore Farmington – continue to discuss article submissions
 - 3. Green Efforts Newsletter – Article assignments (Green Summer)
- F. Sustainable CT Goal**
 - 1. Discussion from presentation
- G. Waste Reduction Goal**
 - 1. Composting discussion
- H. Board of Education Goal**
 - 1. Discuss next steps in collaboration efforts – prep for April discussion
- I. Adjournment**

cc: Kathy Blonski, Town Manager
Russ Arnold, Director of Public Works / Town Engineer
Paula Ray, Town Clerk
Kathy Greider, Superintendent of Schools
Ellen Siuta, Board of Education
Shannon Rutherford, Assistant Town Planner
Mary Paganini, Administrative Assistant
Sandra Michaud, Land Use Coordinator

**Minutes
Joint Green Efforts Committee**

**February 12, 2020
Town Hall, Conf Room A
6:30 p.m.**

In Attendance:

Patti Boye-Williams - Chair
Stacey Petruzella
Rodger Phillips
Cate Grady-Benson
Chris Fagan
Joe Barnes
Sylvie Binette
Erica Robertson, Assistant Town Manager

Absent

Maureen Messier – resigned
Andrea Sobinski- No longer on committee as BOE representative
Jennifer Wynn

Call to Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Public Comment - none

Presentations

The first Lego League team presented their white paper for composting. They also presented a PowerPoint presentation on their ideas. A brochure has also been drafted. The next step in this process is to come up with a survey to send to residents on their willingness to compost.

Administrative / Communications

- 1. To Approve the December 18, 2019 meeting minutes.**
Upon a motion made and seconded (Petruzella/Grady-Benson) it was unanimously voted: to approve the December 18, 2019 meeting minutes as revised. All in favor approved.
- 2. New Member Welcome –**
 1. Joe Barnes – resident
 2. Sylvie Binette – BOE representative
- 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.

New Business

Direction of committee - 2020 Goals

The chair gave a brief history of the committee's activities. Waste Reduction has been the focus of the group. After discussion, the committee decided on 4 main topic areas for their 2020 goals:

1. Public Education – newsletter, educate the public, partner with the library
2. Board of Education – continue to work w/ schools
3. Waste Reduction – review composting on a policy level
4. Sustainable CT – learn more about the program take any action, as needed

Meeting Schedule – March 3 and May 5 confirmed. April 7 meeting needs to change. There will be no meetings in June, July and August.

Annual Clean Up Day- April 25, 2020 – Cate Grady-Benson gave a brief history of the event. She also discussed the preparations for this year's event. She needs the committee to help in securing prizes for the various competitive categories. Ideas were discussed for places to solicit.

There is also a need for some more supplies for the event. Therefore, a motion was made and seconded (Fagan/Phillips) to:

Authorize Cate Grady-Benson to purchase supplies for the 2020 Annual Clean-up Day up to an amount of \$150. **All in Favor.**

Old Business

Waste Reduction

1. **IAR Cafeteria Recap** – A brief recap was given about what the committee learned at the December tour. It was decided to ask Tim Harris and Jose Fernandez back to a future meeting to discuss next steps.
2. **Textile Recycling** – Erica Robertson gave an update on the new program. In its inaugural month (Dec 2019) the Town recycled 3,665 lbs of textiles and other recyclable materials. There have been some hiccups, but overall the program has been well received by the community.

Communications

1. **Explore Farmington** – we welcome more article submissions. Erica will add the new members to the Facebook page as editors.
2. **Green Efforts newsletter** – We would like to have the next publication in late May or early June 2020. The theme will be a green Summer. Some topics to possibly include Green celebrations, hiking, invasive species, water conservation, lawn maintenance. We will look at ways to make the publication greener and more affordable to stretch our savings account. Topics will be assigned at the March meeting.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made and seconded (Petruzella/Fagan) it was unanimously voted: to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.