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Minutes
Joint Green Efforts Committee
January 3, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Present:

In attendance:

Liz Fitzsimmons	Shannon Rutherford, Assistant Town Planner
Cate Grady-Benson	Rose Ponte, Director of Economic Dev.
John Hinze	(arrived 6:45pm)
Katy Perry	
John Vibert, (arrived at 7:15pm)	

- A. Call to Order – Shannon called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
- B. Public Comment
None
- C. Administrative / Communications
 1. The December 6, 2016 meeting minutes were approved. (Hinze / Grady-Benson) (M/S/A)
 2. Semi-annual Newsletter:
 - a. The group reviewed the draft newsletter previously emailed to the Committee by Rose.
 - b. Cate and Katy will re-work the Annual Clean-Up Day portion of the newsletter. Shannon to re-work the Mattress Recycling portion of the newsletter. Cate also has a write-up regarding Water Conservation that will be sent to Rose. All items due to Rose by January 15th. The newsletter to be distributed by January 31st.
 3. Shannon distributed final copies of the Rules and Procedures documented, as approved at the December meeting.
 4. Membership – no changes
 5. Shannon distributed and reviewed the Green Circle Sustainability Award parameters with the Committee. Collectively we reviewed the possible categories for the application submission. The consensus leaned toward the Civic Improvements categories with a focus on the Town wide Clean-Up and the CT Water Planting area. Shannon to draft an application for review at the February meeting. Applications are due March 2017.
 6. Cate and Shannon to make a presentation on Recycling to a Brownie Troop on 2/16/17 at 4:30pm. Shannon to check Trash Museum website for pertinent information / age appropriate documents / activities. Katy to assist in assembling age appropriate info.
- D. Energy Conservation
 - a. Old Business
 1. Solar – Municipal Buildings and Land – no update

2. Community Pledge – working on redeeming the next Bright Ideas Grant. The Clean Energy Communities Program is coming to close. As part of the close out, Farmington received their reward check for the renewable energy credits. These funds will be used for the Municipal Lighting Project.
3. Exterior Municipal Lighting Project – Final plans have been received. The Town anticipates going out to bid in January.
4. Municipal Car Charging Stations
Rose indicated that Farmington has a new Eversource Community Specialist – Lynn Vasquez. Rose will follow up with Lynn to see if there are options for charging stations through Eversource. The Committee also discussed possible locations for the charging station – high school, Farmington Center, Unionville Center, the mall.

b. New Business
None

E. Waste Reduction

a. Old Business

- i. Adopt a Roadway – Cate confirmed that the corporations that do the roadway cleaning only work on Primary highways. Route 4 and Route 6 in Farmington are considered Secondary roadways and thus the corporations will not work on them. (Typically not enough trash for their effort). Cate indicate that adjacent municipalities have employees of the sponsoring local company actually volunteer and pick-up roadside trash on Secondary roadways. All agreed that this is not the best option for the heavily travelled corridors of Routes 4 and 6. This matter will be closed for now.
- ii. Curbside Textile Recycling – Shannon is currently doing research with communities already participating in the program. Russ following up with CCSWA.
- iii. 2017 Annual Clean-Up Day – Rose confirmed that Farmington Bank cannot change their shredding event days to align with our Clean-Up day on 4/29. Rose to look into other possible partners. Shannon to look into shredding vendors.
- iv. 2017 Compost Bin Sale – no update
- v.

b. New Business

- i. DEEP Dive – SMART waste reduction – Shannon explained the program to the Committee. The DEEP Dive consultant, Kristen Brown will come speak to the Committee at the February meeting.

F. Open Space Management / Invasive Species Reduction

a. Old Business

i. CT Water Planting Area Update

This will be dormant until Spring 2017.

b. New Business

None

G. Committee Logo

a. There was a general discussion about creating a logo for the Committee.

Liz indicated that she knew individuals that may be able to draft up a logo.

She was going to check with them and report back to the Committee.

Adjourn 8pm (Grady-Benson / Perry) (M/S/A)

cc: Kathy Eagen, Town Manager
Kathy Greider, Superintendent of Schools
Chris Fagan, Board of Education
Tim Harris, Director of School Facilities
Mary Paganini, Administrative Assistant
Rose Ponte, Director of Economic Development
Russ Arnold, Director of Public Works
Erica Robertson, Assistant Town Manager