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Minutes
Joint Green Efforts Committee
April 4, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Present:

In attendance:

Betty DaCruz	Shannon Rutherford, Assistant Town Planner
Cate Grady-Benson (via phone)	Rose Ponte, Director of Economic
Katy Perry	Development
John Hinze	
John Vibert	

- A. Call to Order – 6:30pm.
- B. Public Comment
None
- C. Administrative / Communications
 1. The March 7, 2017 meeting minutes were approved. (Hinze / Perry) (M/S/A)
 2. Semi-annual Newsletter: Rose indicated five individuals requested to be 'unsubscribed' from the email list.
 3. Membership – no update.
 4. Green Circle Sustainability Award: awaiting results, no update now.
- D. Energy Conservation
 - a. Old Business
 1. Solar – Municipal Buildings and Land – no update
 2. Community Pledge – remove from agenda – rewards have been received and are tied to the Municipal Lighting Project.
 3. Exterior Municipal Lighting Project – Bid opening was March 21st. There were two bidders. We are currently evaluating the bids.
 4. Municipal Car Charging Stations – Rose contacted the mall. They indicated that there was already a car charger near the mall, in the plaza across the street.
 - b. New Business
None
- E. Waste Reduction
 - a. Old Business
 - i. Curbside Textile Recycling – no update
 - ii. 2017 Annual Clean-Up Day
 1. Betty and Cate have been very successful in securing donations for the day of the event and for prizes for the Heaviest Haul competition.

Contributors include: The Gallery Salon, George's Pizza, 4 Restaurant, Highland Park Market, Naples Pizza, Parson's Hardware and Whole Foods Market.

2. Heaviest Haul will have five levels this year. Families and Individuals, Civic Organizations, School Groups, Youth Sports Teams and Scout Troops, and Businesses.
3. Cate has obtained the signs from last year. All are in good condition for reuse this year.
4. Cate has spoken with Farmington Youth Volunteer Connection and it is likely that this volunteer organization will host the site at Tunxis Meade for the morning.
5. Cate has completed the following administrative items associated with Clean-Up Day: letters to the principal's, flyers submitted to the Friday Folders, fire houses have been notified, etc.
6. The Planning staff will complete an Everbridge announcement early next week (after Spring Break) and again on April 26th or 27th.
7. As part of Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day there will be document shredding.
8. Shannon to coordinate with Scott to obtain a layout map for the Monteith Dr. area – forward to all
9. Katy and Cate have maps prepared showing the area's most in need of clean-up efforts. Katy and Cate to look into laminating the maps.
10. Cate is contacting the Mormon Church to see if they are interested in participating with a group of volunteers.
11. The Sign Up genius site is up and running.

- iii. 2017 Compost Bin Sale – Farmington will again be hosting an on-line compost bin and rain barrel sale. The online compost bin and rain barrel sale link is up and running. Information is in the annual newsletter, will be added to the main page of the website and the Green Efforts page of the site. Everbridge announcements about the sale will be made during the month of May. The Committee would like 4 sets of bins / barrels for demonstration on Clean –up day. Shannon will review the Committee's budget and look into placing an order.

- iv. DEEP Dive – SMART waste reduction – no update

F. Open Space Management / Invasive Species Reduction

a. Old Business

- i. CT Water Planting Area Update: possible weeding day April 22nd. Planting Day is May 9th.

b. New Business

- a. DEEP Earth Day – Announce the Farmington Clean Up day scheduled for April 29th.

G. Committee Logo – no update

Adjourn 8:00 pm (Hinze / 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