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Minutes  
**Joint Green Efforts Committee**  
March 7, 2017  
**6:30 p.m.**

Present:

In attendance:

Betty DaCruz  
Cate Grady-Benson  
Katy Perry  
Rodger Phillips  
John Vibert

Shannon Rutherford, Assistant Town Planner

Members of the public

Aimee Petras, FRWA - presenter

- A. Call to Order – 6:36pm.
- B. Public Comment  
None
- C. Administrative / Communications
  - 1. The February 7, 2017 meeting minutes were approved. (DaCruz / Perry) (M/S/A)
  - 2. Semi-annual Newsletter: No Update
  - 3. Membership – John Vibert is going to follow up to see if John Tucker has interest in joining the Committee.
  - 4. Green Circle Sustainability Award: Shannon confirmed that the application was submitted electronically on February 21, 2017.
  - 5. Cate made a successful presentation on Recycling to a Brownie Troop on 2/16/17 at 4:30pm. The troop has also expressed interest in participating in the Annual Clean-Up Day.
- D. Energy Conservation
  - a. Old Business
    - 1. Solar – Municipal Buildings and Land – no update
    - 2. Community Pledge – no update
    - 3. Exterior Municipal Lighting Project – Currently out to bid. Bid opening is March 21<sup>st</sup>.
    - 4. Municipal Car Charging Stations – no update
  - 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.
  - 2. Heaviest Haul will have five levels this year. The levels and competition parameters will be outlined on the flyer.
  - 3. Cate has obtained the signs from last year. All are in good condition for reuse this year.
  - 4. Cate has spoken with Tara Vazquez at West Woods and it is likely that West Woods will host the site at Tunxis Meade for the morning.
  - 5. As part of Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day there will be document shredding.
  - 6. Shannon to coordinate with Scott to obtain a layout map for the Monteith Dr. area.
  - 7. Shannon to print 4 town maps for Katy and Cate.
- iii. 2017 Compost Bin Sale – no update. Shannon to follow up with corporations to secure options for a spring sale. Sale to include Compost bins, rain barrels and accessories.

b. New Business

- i. DEEP Dive – SMART waste reduction – next steps involve a summary of feedback to Kathy and submissions to DEEP for grants to assist with public outreach.

F. Open Space Management / Invasive Species Reduction

a. Old Business

- i. CT Water Planting Area Update: plant selection is underway by the North Central Conservation District representative.

b. New Business

None

G. Committee Logo – no update

H. Aimee Petras, Education and Outreach Coordinator of the Farmington River Watershed Association (FRWA) spoke to the Committee and members of the public that joined the meeting about best management practices for lawn care. Aimee's discussion included measures that would allow homeowners to maintain their lawn while greatly reducing or eliminating the need for pesticides, fertilizers and irrigation.

Adjourn 8:00 pm (Grady-Benson / Perry) (M/S/A)

cc: Kathy Eagen, Town Manager  
Kathy Greider, Superintendent of Schools  
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Russ Arnold, Director of Public Works  
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