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

Present:

In attendance:

Betty DaCruz
Katy Perry
Rodger Phillips
John Vibert

Shannon Rutherford, Assistant Town Planner
Rose Ponte, Director of Economic
Development

1 member of the public joined the meeting

- A. Call to Order – 6:36pm.
- B. Public Comment
None
- C. Administrative / Communications
 - 1. The April 4, 2017 meeting minutes M/S/A (Perry / DaCruz). The May 2, 2017 meeting minutes M/S/A (DaCruz / Perry).
 - 2. Semi-annual Newsletter: Likely in September after the Unionville Festival. Rose informed the Committee that the EDC is looking into establishing an on-line community / forum to better engage the community and inform residents of events and business promotions / opportunities. There is a blog that is part of this on-line system where Green Efforts would be able to post information to share. Rose expects this to launch in the fall.
 - 3. Membership – John following up with an individual that has expressed interest.
 - 4. Green Circle Sustainability Award: The awards ceremony takes place on the afternoon of June 8th. Betty is attending on behalf of the Committee and perhaps one or two others.
- D. Energy Conservation
 - a. Old Business
 - 1. Solar – Municipal Buildings and Land – no update
 - 2. Exterior Municipal Lighting Project – Contract has been awarded. The contractor is reviewing each site and moving ahead. Work will likely continue through the early fall.
 - 3. Municipal Car Charging Stations – Rose did some additional research, unfortunately there is currently no funding in place at DEEP or Eversource for car charging stations. She will check back with her contacts later in the year to see if the situation changes.
 - b. New Business
None

- E. Waste Reduction
 - a. Old Business
 - i. Curbside Textile Recycling – Shannon met with Kathy, Russ and Scott in May. Concerns regarding the potential for missed pick-ups were expressed. Shannon to do some additional research and follow up. .
 - ii. 2017 Annual Clean-Up Day
 - 1. The meeting in July will focus on Clean-Up Day and brainstorming on the ideas expressed in the May meeting.
 - 2. It was noted that we can likely skip clean up on the trails in the future as they are addressed by a number of other groups in the community.
 - iii. 2017 Compost Bin / Rain Barrel Sale
 - 1. The final sales totals were discussed: 27 rain barrels, 22 compost bins and some miscellaneous items.
 - 2. This count is much lower than the sale last year; which was at approximately 80 compost bins. Shannon suggested that the sale be done every other year. There were differing opinions regarding this. It will be discussed again in the spring.
 - 3. Shipment was received on Wednesday June 7th.
 - 4. Betty, John Vibert and Shannon will be in attendance on Saturday for the distribution.
 - 5. The drawing for the free compost bin and rain barrel was conducted at the meeting. Jen Villa and Cate Rigoulot were selected. Shannon to notify the winners.
 - iv. DEEP Dive – SMART waste reduction – no update
- F. Open Space Management / Invasive Species Reduction
 - a. Old Business
 - i. CT Water Planting Area Update: the planting day on May 9th was successful; a weeding day will likely be needed in the upcoming weeks.
 - b. New Business
- G. Committee Logo – no update

Adjourn 8:15 pm

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