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CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

“OUR TOWN, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, KEEP HAMDEN CLEAN”

MINUTES: The Clean & Green Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Mr. Muley, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Howland, Ms. Hoffman, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Schlein, Mr. Palmieri, Ms. Mattei, Ms. Webb,

Others in Attendance: Recycling Coordinator Pam Roach, Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin

1. Call to Order

Mr. Howland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Review Minutes of February 22, 2009

Mr. Palmieri made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2010 meeting. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Old Business

Update on letter to Town Planner Leslie Creane

Mr. Howland said the Commission never received a response from Ms. Creane. At the Town's Holiday Party, Mr. Howland had a conversation with Mayor Jackson, who was going to look into the issue and get back to him. He has not heard back from the Mayor to date.

Update to Letter to Frank Cooper

Frank Cooper responded with a thank you. This Commission thought that the cleanup of the trail was going to be a partnership with Parks & Recreation. Mr. Cooper did not feel that way and said it was a Commission project.

Update on Gabe Lupo's attendance at the Clean & Green Commission Meeting
Ms. Schlein reported that Mr. Lupo could not attend the Commission's February meeting which was rescheduled due to the weather. It was in conflict with the Legislative Council meeting. He could not attend this evening's meeting because of a conflict with the Mayor's Budget Presentation to the Council. During the month of April there will be budget hearings, so is is not sure if he can attend the Commission's April meeting. Ms. Schlein will invite him to come in May.

Mr. Howland had requested copies of the letters to property owners of the properties along the Farmington Canal trail that are being kept up, and he has those. Mr. O'Donnell will draft a letter to those property owners whose properties are not being kept clean. One area that was not being kept clean was clean the next time Mr. Jordan looked at it, but it is a mess again with bottles, cans, paper and cigarette butts.

Ms. Schlein unveiled her mascot which was made up of soda and water bottles. It needs a couple of adjustments, but commissioners enjoyed it.

4. New Business

Quinnipiac's Big Event and April 10th Cleanup

Mr. Howland exchanged emails with Melissa Klinks of Quinnipiac, and will have three teams of 10 students each to help with the cleanup on 4/10. They can't be available until 10:00. He would like to have three locations with commissioners as team captains. He would like to pick sites tonight and have three volunteers. Mr. Howland, Mr. O'Donnell and Ms. Mattei volunteered to be captains. Other commissioners should volunteer at one of the selected sites.

The sites chosen for cleanup are: intersection of Lane Street and Gilbert Avenue (Mr. Howland) where the Parkway goes over; Putnam Avenue and Dixwell Avenue (Mr. O'Donnell) starting at the Farmington Canal Bridge over Putnam; and Mix Avenue and Benham Street (Ms. Mattei) starting at the Louis Astorino Ice Arena.

Commissioners will meet at the Chili's side of the High School parking lot at 9:30 to distribute materials. Scott feels he has enough supplies, gloves, bags, etc. Groups will meet at specific areas.

Ms. Roach will advise Public Works.

Earth Day – Saturday, April 24, 2010

The commission decided to give Park Central Tavern and the traffic island at the intersection of Putnam & Dixwell this year's Orchid Awards. Ms. Hoffman spoke with those involved and will do newspaper articles. Lynn Baumgartner and Mary DeSarbo do the "Karma" garden at the traffic island known as the "tear drop" island.

Ms. Hoffman announced that Paradise Nursery will give out plants for the scavenger hunt prizes. Leftover plants will be donated to the traffic island garden. Mary DeSarbo will sit at C&G Table and solicit volunteers for the garden. Ms. Hoffman showed commissioners the awards she prepared. She will add the address to the restaurant award.

Volunteers are needed for Earth Day. Our scavenger hunt question is “Who should you contact to report litter and blight in Hamden.” Ms. Roach has prepared scavenger hunt questions and answers and will send them to Ms. Hoffman for printing. Mr. Howland will help Ms. Hoffman narrow the questions down. Earth Day hours are 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Set up can begin at 8:00 a.m. And everyone must be ready by 9:30 a.m. The date is Saturday, April 24th.

Mr. Howland can be there from 8:30 to whenever; Mr. Muley will arrive at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Jordan and Ms. Schlein will arrive at noon. Mayor Jackson will present the Orchid Award at noon. Dr. Mel will attend and there are several all day displays, free exhibits, two girl scout troops will do crafts (pencil holder and flowers made from soda bottles) and many other activities.

Ms. Roach reported that she met with Town Attorney Gruen, Personnel Director Kelley, Public Works Director Velardi and DCAO Smith regarding litter cleanup, planting, etc. They also discussed liability. Our insurance policy covers volunteers. We are supposed to get a list of volunteers prior to the cleanup. Ms. Roach will send a list of the cleanup dates to the Mayor each year and have him approve it, because we are spending money on two men, a supervisor and a truck each time we do a cleanup. Having large groups at each cleanup makes it worth paying Public Works employees. Ms. Roach has a list of civic association and church groups that she will call to help and asked commissioners if they know anyone in any of these groups, please call them. If a church group or an association decided to do a clean up on their own, they can clean up and put the trash out with their own trash. They can work with the commission or or work in their own neighborhood. The first cleanup is April 10th as noted above. The remaining cleanups will be scheduled at the April 19th Commission meeting.

Mr. Howland, Ms. Schlein and Ms. Hoffman will meet with Mimsie Coleman at her office on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. regarding the concert cleanups.

There was discussion on the \$400 in Commission’s account which consists of donations to be used to purchase supplies, tee shirts, trash cans, etc.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Jordan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Palmieri seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk