



TOWN OF HAMDEN

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

“OUR TOWN, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, KEEP HAMDEN CLEAN”

MINUTES: The Clean & Green held a Special Meeting on Monday, January 31, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues will be discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Scott Howland, Sandra Serrano-Alvarado, Marietta Mattei, Peter Palmieri, Diane Hoffman, Carl Jordan, Dakibu Muley,

Absent: Charlene Webb, Jack O'Donnell

Others in Attendance: Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator Pam Roach
Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin

1. Call to Order

Mr. Howland called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Review Minutes of November 15, 2010

Page 2, last paragraph, change last paragraph to ready – Mr. Muley tried for a couple of years to get on a Commission, and this Commission was assigned to him. Remove next sentence.

Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes of November 15th as amended. Mr. Muley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Old Business

4.

Annual Report

Mr. Howland said the annual report has been completed and it was distributed.

Tulip Sale

Ms. Hoffman reported that the tulips discussed in November have been sold out for the spring. There was further discussion on the sale of the organic tulips. This would be done on line and is not labor intensive. We would hand out information on the web site,

and it would include a code, which when used would cause the commission to receive a portion of the sale. This item was tabled for further discussion.

Election of Chairman

Mr. Howland said that his term as Chairman was up as of the last meeting of 2010. It is time to elect a new chair.

Ms. Hoffman nominated Mr. Howland for another term. Mr. Jordan seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. Howland accepted the chairmanship for his third term.

Mission Statement

Mr. Howland said some Commissioners like the Mission Statement the way it is, and others had suggestions for changes. Ms. Hoffman said feels we should have an update of the list of properties needing attention, divide them up, look at the properties, take pictures, We had added properties that we felt should be on the list. While we are not pursuing some of the items listed in the Mission Statement, the divisions are reasonable. Tree planting/landscaping was mentioned. Ms. Hoffman felt the annual report was a good outline for what we should focus on this year.

Education is covered at Earth day, Brooksvale Day, National Night Out, Orchid Awards, etc. Mr. Howland asked if we contacted Mr. Marchand and decided to plant trees, would it be a conflict with Public Works.

Mr. Howland feels we should leave the Mission Statement the way it is. The Commissioners voted unanimously in favor to keep the Mission Statement the way it is.

Cleanup

Mr. Howland thanked Mr. Marchand and Ms. Roach for getting new supplies for cleanups. The next cleanup will be held in the southern end of Town on April 9th in conjunction with Quinnipiac University. Ms. Hoffman noted that someone should bring a camera to take some photos for Mr. Marchand.

Ms. Tobin will put a notice in the newspaper that we need a new Commission member. She will also Email list of members contact information to everyone.

Earth Day – Saturday April 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Barbara Schlein has volunteered to handle the scavenger hunt for Earth Day. Ms. Serrano-Alvarado will help. Ms. Hoffman and Ms. Mattei will handle the Orchid Award. Mr. Howland will take the lead on the Commission table and will arrive early to set up (after 8:00 a.m.). Mr. Jordan and Mr. Palmieri will assist. The table consists of scheduling coverage, exhibits-current or new, and reviewing scavenger hunt responses. The DVD didn't work last year. This year we will test it the night before. Ms. Mattei will get another copy of the DVD. Mr. Jordan and Mr. Howland will help Ms. Hoffman pot the plants for prizes.

Candidates for the Orchid Awards are the Area for Rest & Prayer –on the Farmington Canal Trail Cliff Pollack for the public space and either Café Amici or the Medical Walk in Center for the business award. The Commission voted unanimously in favor for the Medical Walk in Center.

Question for Scavenger Hunt – Ms. Roach will come up with some facts about plastic bags for the question.

Recycling Coordinator Report

Ms. Roach delivered the clean up supplies from Chris Marchand, which included bags, cloth & disposable gloves and pickers. They would not buy the spears because of safety issues. We also need clear plastic bags.

Cleanups

April and May cleanups are set. Mr. Muley's group can pick a Saturday in July from 9:00 a.. to 11:00 a.m. Mr. Muley's group will also help at a concert in July. Some members of the Solid Waste & Recycling Commission will also help at cleanups.

HazWaste Central opens in mid May. June 4th and September 10th are our hometown days. We will have sign-ups at our next meeting. Commissioners enjoy this event.

There was discussion on the disposal of electronics. Ms. Roach said the manufacturers are responsible for the transportation and disposal of certain electronics. Due to new legislation, towns will have to provide a site for residents to dispose of electronics. Ms. Roach will send updated disposal sites to Commissioners.

Mr. Howland will email the list of ways to save energy.

Ms. Hoffman will call ECO Tulips for more information. This is a fund raiser where you give people the information, and when they order using a special code, the Commission will receive a 40% profit. (www.ecotulips.com) Perhaps we can hand out information at Brooksvale, or other events.

Ms. Mattei mentioned the letter that can be sent to businesses not keeping up their properties. We sent congratulation letters to Kentucky Fried Chicken, Sunoco Station and Mt. Carmel Liquors for keeping up their properties.

4. New Business

Ms. Serrano-Alvarado found information on line regarding promoting open space and environmental cleanups. She also noted that there is information on businesses landscaping to prevent theft, vandalism, etc. Perhaps the Commission can place an article in the newspaper.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Palmieri made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk