



# TOWN OF HAMDEN

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### CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

***“OUR TOWN, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, KEEP HAMDEN CLEAN”***

**AGENDA: The Clean & Green Commission**, Town of Hamden, will have a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues will be discussed:

Chardonney from scsu  
Carl, , Charlene, Marietta, peter, Chad, Barbara, Jack, Agnes, Diane, Scott

Absent Sandra,

1. Call to Order

7:02

2. Review Minutes of October 17, 2011

Corrections diane/carl

3. Old Business

Good cleanup on basset street

Tech commission cathy reported improvements across the board, in the plans for next year, capability commission is asking for, clean & green wants phone number and/or email address for contacting commission

Pam reported that Scott is meeting with URI in December to discuss tree planting possibilities

Leslie Creane drafted a letter to the Mayor that will be coming to the Commission. List of addresses (21) 14 of them have been resolved and closed, 5 progress being monitored, 1 town working with state agencies to clean it up, 1 30,000 fines, 10,000 collected

Current on high priority blight list, cliens fields, foreclosure for blight and tax leans, grass is being cut, property owner has plans to demolish,

Town is engaged in oncall landscaper to help maintain properties if row area on either side of the sidewalk is causing issues

Caution group against taking independent action against property owners, statutory regs, must protect town

Earth Day 4/21

Pam will be drafting the warning letter for recycling, at this point we are still leaving notices.

Waiting on trash master and recycle bank re toters  
Going out to bid in spring

Leaf & brush pickup in process

Marietta reported a house on benham street corner lakeview with bulk out  
Pam requested if commissioners see something like this to call her or email her.  
Diane reported bulk on Wilmot near Helen Street school.

#### 4. New Business

January election for chair and annual report – Marietta please

Agnes brought up the Home Depot cleanup  
Agnes shares border with home depot. Home Depot has a picnic area where there have lunches, barbecues, agnes said there is lots of HD trash that ends up on their front lawn. She complained to Mr. Vollerero and two other neighbors did too.

Home Depot has helped at cleanups and with supplies, and also at Earth Day.  
Huge sign, directly behind the store. Home Depot shopping carts.

Peter reported large potholes on Wintergreen near the Mag

Pam said when she met with Adam today, Adam had some suggestions. Also there are trees at all of the schools that perhaps we could put up plaques identifying the trees, educational for the kids. Agnes used to work at the arboretum at CT College, and she thinks they put the metal stake in the ground. We could then discuss this with the BOE. Adam mentioned beautification, which would be the BOE. Weeding litter, mulch at various locations, . bottom of clean & Green trash containers all over town. Work with store owners to collect carriages, weeding, sidewalk cracks with spray, etc.

Can't go on private property

Kath arrived, scott thanked her for joining us

Kath's ideas

Kath said she has been trying to get uri involved in New Haven for 15 years. She knows the director very well. The money comes from the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven, which calls for the funding to be spent in New

Haven. Kath said the commission is excited about trees. Wonderful opportunity in town, we have lost quite a few trees. Trees have an important role in cities. She sees various groups, including this commission and the land trust (kath sits on that board) why don't we get involved with street trees in town. She suggested some of the commissions joint the land trust \$35 per year, and why doesn't the Commission participate with the Land Trust on a street program. The northern end of town is heavily treed, but in the high density parts of the town we need a street tree program.

Trees uptake carbon dioxide, clean the air, where there is flooding they can minimize the flooding, and they often get overlooked in urban areas. She would like to see new paving technologies, semi permeable surfaces with more absorptive qualities. Talk to P&Z, and when the economy turns around, can we do something with trees and parking lots, cool sidewalks and parking lots, are attractive.

Trees on the parking strip are traffic calming. We have to respect the labor union contract. In whitneyville they got a grant for some trees which PW dug the holes for. There is an approved species list. We have to tie in with P&Z, Land trust, mayor's office, etc.

Barbara is wondering can we tie in to some kind of grant. It all boils down to money. Kath agrees, and we also need homeowners to be the steward for the tree, and water as needed for the first year. Kath said if we have a comprehensive plan, she thinks we can get the money. Pam suggested the word could be put out through the civic association.

National Arbor Day Tree City, find out how tree cities get financing. Chad said in phil, they put out a notice that if people that were willing to pay \$125 could have a tree and they would have to agree to be a steward for the first year.

CT urban forest council – barb had information and perhaps they have some small grants. Do they have someone that would come out and discuss an urban street tree plan.

Urban resources initiative is designated for new haven.

Kath said if this commission wanted to make it a priority. Target locations that need trees, and a neighborhood and/or business that want trees, commission can make the case that the benefits are townwide. Charlene said perhaps we can use earth day

(Hartford is a tree city USA).

Kath asked about the solar trash cans, and Pam listed the locations.

10 sets if recycubg.trasg arrayts will be okaced at parks

litter, blight, trees –

thanked kath.

j peter/carl/adj 8:09

5. Adjourment

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Submitted by:

Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk