

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

OUR TOWN, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, KEEP HAMDEN CLEAN & GREEN

Commissioners in Attendance: Mary Solis, Agnes Orłowski, Lisa Feliconio, Carl Jordan, Sandra Serrano-Alvarado

Commissioners Excused: Peter Palmieri, Marcia Smith

Guest : Megan – Student at SCSU

MINUTES: The Clean & Green Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 17, 2014 in the third floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

1. Call to Order -

Ms. Serrano-Alvarado called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Review Minutes of October 20, 2014

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9th line from top – change streets to sidewalks

Also have Ms. Roach check with Mr. Leng about the RWA owning a section of Waite Street.

Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20th meeting as corrected. Ms. Feliconio seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Old Business

There was discussion on the October meeting and Curt Leng's attendance and comments. There was some confusion as to the litter/recycling enforcement agent. Commissioners asked whether this was a new position or if the position was still held by Bill Sikorsky. The Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer was also mentioned. If this is a new position, what is the person's name and would that person attend one of our meetings.

Brooksville Park Event – It was suggested that this late September/October event be placed on the June 2015 agenda to give the commission time to plan.

A cleanup of Connolly Parkway was mentioned. The commission needs a sponsor. Mr. Jordan will ask the Elks again. We need two people from the business. Ms. Solis will ask the manager of Splash. We will try for Saturday, December 6th. The sponsor will choose the time.

4. New Business

Ms. Orłowski's term is up this month, and she is not planning to renew her membership. Commissioners expressed their regret.

Signage Consistency – commissioners questioned the status of this project

Beautification Project – There was discussion regarding the high weeds at island in front of the Police Department and Town Hall. The vegetation has not been cut down.

Streetscapes- before and after photos. Ms. Serrano has a cell phone, but it is for her work and she can't really use it for photos. Commissioners feel photos are a great idea.

Mr. Orłowski mentioned an article from the New Haven Register that mentioned the redoing of the

Town's parks. The arks are being evaluated for needs. Ms. Orłowski said it is frustrating that we don't have good communication.

Tree planting – if a homeowner requests a tree, they have to commit to taking care of it. Trees will be dealt with by the new Tree Commission.

Speed bumps – Ms. Orłowski said the Mather Street speed bump is totally ineffective. Today, there was a car tailgating her that eventually passed her going much too fast for the road conditions, and ended up upside down in the lake. Fortunately for the driver, an ambulance was coming in the other direction and the driver saw what happened and called 911. The bumps on Waite Street and Treadwell Street are much more effective. Ms. Serrano Alvarado mentioned that good speed bumps are needed on Woodin Street.

Ms. Serrano-Alvarado thanked Ms. Orłowski for the recommendation that helps with graffiti on the bus shelters.

There was discussion on the community service and Petunia who works out of the Keefe Center. Ms. Feliconio wondered if we have a form letter that says who we are. Ms. Orłowski said we have a list of volunteers that we have to email for each cleanup. She also mentioned emails that should be sent the Friday before the cleanup to the commissioners and the volunteers. Ms. Serrano Alvarado tried to contact some of the volunteers for one of the cleanups and many of the numbers were no longer in service. Ms. Serrano- Alvarado will contact Petunia.

Possible smoking Ban at the parks – Mr. Orłowski said the Clean & Green Commission can say we are tired of cleaning up the cigarette butts but really can't address the health issues. We need to enforce putting butts in a receptacle and perhaps have an area set aside in the various parks for smokers. Perhaps Ms. Roach can check with Mr. Leng, who was going to check on the legal issues.

Repainting of Streets – Mather Street needs some white lines along the sides of the road.

Ms. Solis has been contacted by Bianca Morales of The Big Event. She wants to know if we want to be part of Quinnipiac's Big Event, which comes up in April. Ms. Solis will respond that the commission is interested, and ask Ms. Morales if she has students interested in helping with a cleanup.

Ms. Orłowski said Ms. Roach needs to know about the flowers from Paradise Nursery in January for Earth Day. Ms. Orłowski will help with that event if the commission needs her. She has brought the plants over to the Middle School the day before the event.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Jordan said Ms. Orłowski deserves recognition for the terrific job she has done for the Town and said that she is always on top of things. The commissioners will miss having her as a member. Ms. Solis said Ms. Orłowski has been a great asset to this commission.

Mr. Jordan made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Feliconio seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk