

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

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Minutes: The Clean & Green Commission held a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2015 in the third floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Peter Palmieri, Marcia Smith, Betsy Yagla, Lisa Feliconio,
Sandra Serrano Alvarado, Ellen Endriss

Commissioners Excused: Carl Jordan

Others in Attendance: Guest Richard Beck, Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin

1. Call to Order

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

2. Review Minutes of July 20, 2015

Mr. Palieri made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2015 meeting. Ms. Yagla seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Old Business

Ms. Serrano Alvarado reminded commissioners that the Town agreed that the Clean & Green Commission could do some plantings, but they would not provide additional funds for the purchase of plants. Ms. Serrano Alvarado mentioned that commissioners should keep in mind the need to solicit donations for plants.

Ms. Endriss felt National Night Out was not an event that Clean & Green should participate in since it was mostly about young children.

HazWaste Central – Ms. Endriss and Mr. Jordan participated. Ms. Endriss said that Mr. Mark came up with an express line for people who already had their forms filled out. She said there was not a huge turnout but it was steady, and she would definitely do it again.

Membership – Ms. Serrano Alvarado mentioned that Ms. Solis' resignation leaves another spot that is open. We need to think about whether we know anyone we can recruit. Now that Ms. Roach has moved on, will there be a liaison to this commission? Bulk pickup is coming up in October and Ms. Roach is the person we used to call or email to report issues.

Ms. Roach was going to check with the Town regarding a mailing to Realtors about partnering with us.

There was a discussion about the scales at the transfer station and the purchase of software to operate them.

4. New Business

Brooksville Day September 26th from 11-4. Ms. Serrano Alvarado would like some suggestions on

how the commission can make our table more interactive. Ms. Feliconio said we only have literature to hand out, so not too many people stop at our booth. She feels we need something to attract people to the table. Ms. Endriss said she has been researching an activity for the kids to do. Ms. Endriss, Ms. Serrano Alvarado and our potential member Mr. Beck will be able to help. Ms. Tobin will check with Ms. Roach to see if there are any items that she might have left behind.

Carl Castro asked what kind of information is the commission looking for. Lisa explained we try to make people aware of what we do and bring awareness of the commission's goals.

Ms. Yagla mentioned planting flowers or vegetable seeds in used egg cartons as an activity for the spring. Other ideas were presented including the use of empty water bottles and a fishing game.

Ms. Serrano Alvarado brought up the October 24th Project 365. This is an extension of National Night Out. There were three sessions scheduled. We have been asked to join with Quinnipiac University, the Hamden Police Department and Hamden community members for the project on October 24th. It is expected that 25-45 people will participate. They will do litter removal, cut down branches, repainting the Putnam Avenue Bridge, etc. The meeting point will be determined as we get closer to the date.

Bulk Pickup – If you notice any litter being left behind, call help@hamden.com and let the Town know.

Ms. Serrano Alvarado would like other commission members to attend our meetings to see how we can collaborate.

Ms. Serrano Alvarado said we need to start thinking about who the next chair is going to be and explained that she can no longer devote the time required, although she will still remain active on the commission.

Ms. Smith asked when the grand opening of Rochford/Villano Parks will take place.

Ms. Tobin will ask the Mayor if the Clean & Green Commission can make copies of information to hand out at Brooksvale Day. Ms. Tobin will look for the pest control brochures.

There was discussion on items to give away at the Brooksvale Day event. Ms. Tobin will check with Ms. Roach and call Ms. Endriss to pick up anything that might be in Ms. Roach's former office.

5. Adjournment

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

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk