

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

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MINUTES: The Clean & Green Commission held a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2016 in the third floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Ellen Endriss, Richard Beck, Betsy Yagla, Lisa Feliconio, Carl Jordan, Salman Hamid

Others in Attendance: Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator Andrew Kinlock, Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin

1. Call to Order

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

2. Review Informal Notes of October 17, 2016

Ms. Yagla made a motion to approve all formal and informal meeting notes/minutes previously unapproved. Mr. Hamid seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Old Business

Ms. Endriss said the November 12th cleanup went great. She has had no feedback from the organization. 15-20 volunteers picked up 14-15 bags of trash/recycling. The photo will appear in the Town's monthly newsletter and was also sent to local press.

4. New Business

Review and approval of 2017 Meeting Schedule

The date of the March meeting was corrected to March 20th. **Ms. Yagla made a motion to approve the 2017 meeting schedule as amended. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.** It was noted that because of Monday holidays, the January and February meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays.

There was discussion on having a cleanup the first or second weekend in June hopefully with a church sponsorship. This will be discussed again at the January meeting.

Earth Day will be held on April 22nd. Patrick Donnelly will help facilitate this event until a new person is hired as Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator. Ms. Endriss suggested a water presentation be a part of Earth Day and tying it to the Orchid Award. She will ask Dale Kroop and Dan Kops if they know of any businesses using water preservation methods. Other ideas regarding a water presentation were discussed. There was also a discussion on the scavenger hunt including the location of the commission's table and how many questions to have. Mr. Kinlock will keep the commission in the loop and let Mr. Donnelly know of the importance of the location of the commission's table. Ms. Yagla mentioned working with neighborhoods with and without associations for cleanups. Mr. Hamid mentioned that the commission could have a calendar of events.

The tentative 2017 commission schedule was discussed.

April – Earth Day April 22nd, possible Water Workshop, Cleanup with Project 365

May – HazWaste Hometown Day

June – Cleanup

July – Concert Cleanups

September – HazWaste Hometown Day, Cleanup

HazWaste schedule is not available to date.

There was discussion of a possible event during August.

Ms. Yagla brought up the subject of styrofoam and what can be done about it. Mr. Kinlock said that Connecticut does not have a program for recycling styrofoam because it is not economically feasible. He said the Dart Corporation is a big producer of styrofoam and they have a program to recycle, but the cost to send it back to them would be prohibitive. It was mentioned that Dunkin Donuts has a pilot program in some of their locations for paper cups.

5. Adjournment

There was no further business to discuss. **Ms. Feliconio made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk