

# Clean & Green Commission

Monday, March 21, 2022 7pm

## Attendance

Commissioners: Gabby Panayotakis, Dave Morin, Anika Matin

Others: Joe DeRisi, Ryan Keeler(clerk)

## Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 7:30pm

## Minutes

Ms Panayotakis motioned to approve the minutes, Mr Morin seconded. Minutes approved.

## Public Comments

There were no public comments.

## Recycling Coordinators Report

Mr DeRisi said he can post on the Facebook page about composters available for purchase at Earth Day. A post about the food scrap collection from schools has been shared from the Facebook account.

## New Business

The commission would like to have a table at Earth Day. The event begins at 10am on April 23rd. Tables and chairs will be supplied. The exhibitor form needs to be filled out by the commission. Some sort of livestream could be used to include residents remotely who cannot attend. Instructions could be helpful for people to manage their seedlings. The Orchid Award is usually give out for sustainable or environmentally friendly contributions.

The commission website needs updating. New Commissioners can be recruited from the Earth Day event and possibly Universities. Cleanup site ideas can be gathered from public opinion as well. Regularly scheduled cleanups would help get back to a more frequent activity level, possibly monthly events. Facebook posts would help communicate to the public and coordinator with other commissions. Sharing scheduled cleanups and pictures of pas cleanup events would be helpful.

Mr Morin had a discussion with Al Maio at the transfer station. They have employees to clean litter and blight. Pickers and bags are available from them for the commission. Mr Morin thought that using bins or paper bags instead of plastic bags might be more sustainable and reduce landfill. Mr DeRisi said that the town has 5 gallon buckets available. Ms Panayotakis will put together brief instructions on how to care for the seedlings.

### **Adjournment**

Ms Panayotakis motioned to adjourn, Mr Morin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm