

Clean & Green Commission

Monday, August 15, 2022 7pm

Attendance

Commissioners: Dave Morin(Chair), Anika Matin(Vice Chair), Gabby Panayotakis

Others: Joe DeRisi, Kristen Panzo(clerk), Ryan Keeler(clerk)

Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 7:09

Minutes

Mr Panayotakis motioned to approve the 4.18.22 minutes, Mr Morin seconded. Minutes approved.

Public Comments

N/A

Recycling Coordinators Report

Mr DeRisi brought up the efforts of addressing food waste with the Solid Waste & Recycling Commission. The town facilities should be setting the example with properly collecting and disposing of food waste so the public cannot claim hypocrisy. There are many materials in town departments that Mr DeRisi is trying to reuse and repurpose in town. He will be making a spreadsheet of the available materials. The recycling process at the library is being rectified. Mr DeRisi will be bringing a container over to assist this week.

New Business

Mr Morin mentioned that the Lake Wintergreen cleanup went really well and they have been in contact with several volunteers. Some suggestions were dog waste bags and trash receptacles. Cleanup areas range all over town but the focus is on high traffic locations like Dixwell, Skiff and Circular. Mr DeRisi said Shepard Ave from Dixwell to Mix Ave needs a cleanup. The commission will attempt to contact the volunteers would previously cleaned this area.

Some things that can be improved upon for future cleanups are having members of the administration share info. The library has a bulletin board that can be utilized as well.

Official social media accounts would be helpful as well. Ms Panayotakis felt like the bags are too large and impractical. Stop & Shop may have pails available. Whitney Donut and Kellys Cone Connection may have 4 gallon pails. The commission would prefer 5 - 6 gallon pails. Businesses get a shout out on social media when Mr DeRisi acquires pails from them.

Mr Morin will acquire more pickers. He has plenty of bags. Ms Panayotakis will facilitate a small cleanup. Ms Matin will possibly join as well. The Shepard Ave area will be this months cleanup. Mr Morin will get more information out to begin organizing.

Ms Panzo will provide the commission with updated membership information as she will be taking over the clerking of this commission.

Adjournment

Ms Panayotakis motioned to adjourn, Mr Morin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.