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Minutes
Joint Green Efforts Committee

April 4th, 2023
Online Zoom Conference
7:00 p.m.

Voting Members

In Attendance:

Johnny Carrier, Chair
Stacey Petruzella
John Vibert

Cate Grady Benson

Absent:

Patti Boye-Williams
Jennifer Wynn
Talia Stigliano

Non-Voting Members:

Garrett Daigle, Assistant Town Planner

Absent

Sam Kilpatrick, BOE Facilities Director

- A. **Call to Order** –Johnny Carrier called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
- B. **Public Comment**- none
- C. **Presentation**- None
- D. **Administrative**
 - 1. Petruzella/Vibert / 4-0, to approve the March 7th, 2023 meeting minutes as presented
- E. **Public Education Goal**
 - 1. Anti-Idling:
 - 1) Cate Grady Benson has shared that the signs should be finished by the end of the week, Sam Kilpatrick and Garrett Daigle will coordinate with the schools and Department of Public Works for installation.
- F. **Waste Reduction Goal**
 - 1. Simple Recycling update
There was no updated at this time. Garrett Daigle asked if any committee members would object to moving the simple recycling update to quarterly, the committee did not object.

2. Discussion on Composting

Cate Grady-Benson has been working with Tara Vasquez at West Woods School. Tara has been meeting with Blue-Earth composting and school staff to determine how to set up the food waste bins in the cafeteria.

Sam Kilpatrick stated that Tara Vasquez is working to source containers for the program. Cate proposed having students create posters for the cafeteria to visualize what items would be compostable.

Additional discussion was held on the financing of the composting program, staff will research funding opportunities for the program and provide additional information at the May meeting.

3. Discussion on Littering Signs/ Adopt-a-road.

No update at this time

G. Other Business

1. 2023 Town Wide Clean-up

- 1) Stacey Petruzella has been putting up signs around town, Cate Grady-Benson and Johnny Carrier offered to help place signs.
- 2) Garrett Daigle confirmed that the Tunxis Hose and Farmington Firehouses have approved the locations for use, Irving A. Robbins has been approved by the Board of Education, and Tunxis Meade Park has been approved by the town.
- 3) John Vibert has been coordinating with the Lions Club to collect the bottles and cans for donation at the pickup locations. The Lions Club has provided bags to be passed out at the collection points and will try to have volunteers at each location to collect the cans.
- 4) Johnny Carrier has obtained prizes for the heaviest haul competition.
- 5) The committee requested staff prepare a press release for the town website and the Explore Farmington page.

2. EV Charger

- 1) No update at this time.

H. Adjournment – Petruzella/Grady-Benson, 4-0 – to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm