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Minutes

Joint Green Efforts Committee

May 7th, 2024

Online Zoom Conference

7:00 p.m.

Voting Members

In Attendance:

Amy Palumbo, Chair
Stacey Petruzella
Cate Grady Benson
John Vibert

Jayapriya Krishnaswamy
Brie Quinby
Martin Skelly

Absent:

Talia Stigliano
Jennifer Wynn

Non-Voting Members:

Garrett Daigle, Assistant Town Planner

Absent:

Sam Kilpatrick, BOE Facilities Director

- A. **Call to Order** –Amy Palumbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- B. **Public Comment**- none
- C. **2024 Town Wide Clean-Up**
 - 1. Totals and Heaviest Haul competition:
 - 1) The committee discussed the success of the clean-up day. Garrett Daigle reported on the total weight of the trucks provided by the Highway and Grounds Department, in total 4,660 lbs of trash was collected. Garrett also provided the totals for the household hazardous waste collection totals.
 - 2) The commission reviewed the collection totals and discussed distribution of the 14 prizes that were donated for the Heaviest Haul Competition. Prizes this year include gift cards to J. Timothy's, Walmart, Naples Pizza, Ron's Automotive, Farmington Miniature Golf, Highland Park Market, Fork & Fire, Bollywood Dreams, and a bracelet from Farmington Jewelers.
 - 2. The committee also discussed suggestions and improvements for next year's clean-up day, including
 - 1. A New sign-up sheet with columns for which group volunteers are participating in, and the number of participants in the group. Additionally to include multiple pages at each site for overflow.
 - 2. Offering smaller collection bags for both trash and cans.
 - 3. Beginning advertising for the clean-up day earlier in the year to raise awareness for the event.



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D. Presentation- None

(Jayapriya Krishnaswamy left at 8:25 pm)

E. Administrative

1. Petruzella/Skelly 6-0, to approve the April 2nd, 2024, meeting minutes with the correction under Item C.1.2.1 should state that Jennifer Wynn is working on the flyer.
2. Vibert/Quinby 6-0, to approve the April 18th, 2024 special meeting minutes with the correction that the date should be April 18th.

F. Public Education Goal

1. Topics for Future Newsletters:
 - 1) Garrett Daigle has asked the committee to begin brainstorming ideas for public education goals that the committee can draw on for the quarterly town newsletters.
2. Summer Newsletter:
 - 1) Brie Quinby will work on an article for the summer newsletter to advise residents on how to reduce plastic consumption at home and prepare a draft for the June 4th meeting.

G. Waste Reduction Goal

1. West Wood Composting Program
 - 1) Cate Grady-Benson provided an update that the program has been running smoothly and there have been no issues so far.
2. Discussion on Littering Signs/Adopt-A-Road
 - 1) No update at this time.

H. Other Business

1. John Vibert would like to add discussion regarding an event to encourage residents to walk instead of driving short distances. The committee will discuss more at the June 4th meeting.

I. Adjournment – Petruzella/Skelly, 6-0 – to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm