

**Green Committee, Town of East Haddam  
Regular Meeting  
River House  
7:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 5, 2011**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was officially called to order at 7:16 by vice chairman Chad Peterson  
The Green Committee will hold regular meetings on the first Wednesday of the month until further notice.

**A. Attendance:**

Regular members present: Martha Hansen, Nancy Pincus, Ken Simon via telephone, Chad Peterson  
Regular members absent: Terri Smith, Jean Brueler  
Guests: Katelyn Hope, Madeline Priest

**2. Secretary's Report**

**Approval of September 2011 minutes**

The minutes were discussed. Nancy Pincus moved to accept the minutes as presented, Chad Peterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**3. Committee Membership – update**

The Green Committee is authorized to have 11 regular members and 2 alternates. No more than 2/3 of the members can be from one political party. There is currently space for 3 regular members and 2 alternates.  
Don Hansen and Robert Estep have agreed to be alternate members.

**4. Member's Reports**

**A. Community Food Bank Garden update**

The Garden is still producing; bell peppers and pole beans are ripening.

**C. Newsletter –Next edition**

There will be an article on the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge, and one on what we can learn from storm Irene.

**D. Grants and Grant Project possibilities –**

Nancy Pincus is considering applying for a Fiskars grant to benefit the Food Bank Garden - \$3500 cash , \$1500 in product. Fiskars award s10 grants each year. One award is a Community Garden Makeover for a 75'x75' garden (minimum size). The deadline for the Fiskars grant is December 5.

**5. Audience of Citizens – Neighbor to Neighbor Challenge presentation by Katelyn Hope and Madeline Priest**

Katelyn spoke about the energy challenge, which is to help East Haddam residents reduce their energy use by using CFL light bulbs and making their homes more energy-efficient. Residents can sign up (for free) to have their incandescent light bulbs replaced with CFLs, which can save around \$100 a year on electricity costs. Sign up at [www.CTEnergyChallenge.com/lighting](http://www.CTEnergyChallenge.com/lighting). Residents can also sign up for a Home Energy Assessment (for \$75), and have their homes evaluated for energy efficiency. After the assessment, recommendations will be made on how to increase the home's efficiency. Sign up for an appointment at [www.CTEnergyChallenge.com/HES](http://www.CTEnergyChallenge.com/HES).

**6. General Discussion**

**A. Green Committee web & Facebook pages**

The Facebook page is being updated regularly by Chad Peterson, and is

**B. Single Stream Recycling – tabled**

**C. "Victory Garden" awareness, utilization & implementation (planting, canning, food storage) - tabled**

**7. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.**

**8. Adjournment**

Chad Peterson made a motion, seconded by Nancy Pincus, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Hansen, Secretary