

**Green Committee, Town of East Haddam
Regular Meeting
River House
7:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 1, 2012**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 by Chairman Ken Simon.

A. Attendance:

Regular members present: Martha Hansen, Nancy Pincus, Ken Simon, Chad Peterson

Regular members absent: Terri Smith

Guest – Ted Stumm

2. Secretary's Report - Approval of December 2011 minutes

Ken Simon asked for a correction to the spelling of Fiskars.

Chad Peterson moved, seconded by Nancy Pincus, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

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 6 regular members and 2 alternates.

4. Member's Reports

A. Fiskars Grant for Food Bank Garden

We were notified in January that we did not get the grant. We will apply again next year.

B. Community Food Bank Garden update

Water may be available at the old Middle School during the upcoming growing season. Martha Hansen will donate a rain barrel to the garden.

C. Newsletter

Topics suggested for the next newsletter, scheduled for publication in mid-February, are: planning the garden, getting in shape for gardening, CSAs, more reasons to buy local food, geothermal heat.

D. Film Suggestions – March?

Ken Simon suggested showing the film “Fuel” a Sundance Film Festival winner produced in 2010. Martha Hansen will check the availability of the Grange and will reserve it for a Sunday afternoon in mid-March.

Martha Hansen moved, seconded by Chad Peterson, to authorize Ken Simon to watch “Fuel” and decide if it is an appropriate film to show at the Grange. Motion carried.

5. Audience of Citizens –Tedd Stumm

Ted suggested asking Ballek's Garden Center and/or Staehly's to host gardening workshops to help advise people on vegetable gardening. He thinks that more people might garden if more hands-on information was available locally. The committee liked this idea and will approach Ballek's and Staehly's to see if they would be interested. Shagbark Lumber, which sells garden tools and seeds, will also be approached. Martha Hansen will also contact the UConn Agricultural Extension Center in Haddam to see what resources are available there.

6. General Discussion

A. Green Committee web & Facebook pages

The Facebook page is being updated regularly by Chad Peterson.

B. Single Stream Recycling

There is information on this on the Green Committee's Facebook page.

7. Adjournment

Chad Peterson made a motion, seconded by Nancy Pincus, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Hansen, Secretary