

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7: 10 by Vice Chairman Chad Peterson.

A. Attendance:

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

Regular members absent: Terri Smith, Ken Simon

Guest – John Gibson

2. Secretary's Report - Approval of February 2012 minutes

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. Community Food Bank Garden update

Nancy Pincus will be planting a northern variety of peanuts in the garden this year, along with the usual tomatoes, peppers, beans and squash. Ray of Light Farm will be delivering aged manure to the garden soon. The Daisy Scouts will be helping to plant the garden again this year. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the garden for planting. If you can help, please call Nancy at 873-9171.

B. Newsletter update

The Spring newsletter has been emailed to our distribution list. The newsletter will be published quarterly; the next regular issue is scheduled to be published this summer.

C. March 11 film

The film “Fuel: Change your fuel... change your world” will be shown on March 11 at the Grange, starting at 3pm. Martha Hansen brought some flyers to post around town. The information has been put in the newsletter also.

5. Audience of Citizens

John Gibson attended the meeting and expressed interest in joining the Green Committee. John lives in Moodus, and has a large solar array on his house.

6. General Discussion

The Green Committee received an email from Jessica Stricker, a third grader at East Haddam Elementary School. She would like the Green Committee to explore the possibilities of changing the Styrofoam trays used in the lunchrooms at the schools, because they are not biodegradable. The committee discussed the problem and agreed to look into it.

B. Green Committee web & Facebook pages

The Facebook page is being updated regularly by Chad Peterson.

C. 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 8:20. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Hansen, Secretary