

Green Committee, Town of East Haddam
Regular Meeting
River House
7:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 2, 2012

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 by Chairman Ken Simon.

A. Attendance:

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

2. Secretary's Report - Approval of April 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. There has been some interest from a few people, who will be encouraged to attend a meeting.

4. Member's Reports

A. Community Food Bank Garden update

A load of manure was delivered by Ray of Light Farm, potatoes have been planted. The Daisy Scouts will be helping to plant other things on May 20.

B. Newsletter

The summer newsletter, to be published in June, will highlight East Haddam's natural and man-made resources. Steve Baklik offered to write a short article on the new skate park, currently under construction at the old Middle School. The skate park is scheduled to open sometime in June. He may also write an article on invasive plants.

C. Styrofoam tray usage in schools update

Martha is preparing a letter to send to the Board of Education regarding the matter.

5. Audience of Citizens

Steve Baklik, who recently moved to town, attended and talked about the new skate park which is being installed at the old Middle School, and about the problem of invasive plants.

6. General Discussion

A. Green Committee web & Facebook pages

The Facebook page is being updated regularly by committee members.

B. Ken Simon spoke about the proposed condominium project (over 250 units) in his neighborhood. He encouraged Green Committee members to attend the public hearing at the Grange on May 15.

C. Nancy Pincus mentioned a plan for CT to build a plant which uses food waste to create electricity.

Meeting Schedule: next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Chad Peterson made a motion, seconded by Nancy Pincus, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Hansen, Secretary