

**Green Committee, Town of East Haddam
Regular Meeting
River House
7:00 P.M. Wednesday, June 6, 2012**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 by Chairman Ken Simon.

A. Attendance:

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

Regular members absent: Chad Peterson

Guests: Steve Baklik, Charlene Riling

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

Martha Hansen 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.

Steve Baklik and Charlene Riling are interested in joining the committee. Charlene has already filled out an application. Steve will fill one out in the next week.

The committee is in favor of recommending to the Board of Selectmen that Steve Baklik and Charlene Riling join the Green Committee.

4. Member's Reports

A. Community Food Bank Garden update

Potatoes have been planted and are doing well. The Daisy Scouts were a great help.

B. Newsletter

The summer newsletter will be published this month, and will include articles on the new skate park, the Food Bank Garden, Recycling in East Haddam, and East Haddam's natural and man-made resources.

C. Styrofoam tray usage in schools update

Recycling at all of the schools will be evaluated before suggestions are made. Martha Hansen will visit the schools to look at their recycling programs, Charlene offered to accompany her.

5. Audience of Citizens

Steve Baklik and Charlene Riling participated in the discussions about recycling, the Food Bank garden and the proposed condominium project.

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 and expressed his concern over the amount of water that will be needed by the project, as well as the amount of traffic it would generate and the impact it would have on the school system.

Meeting Schedule: next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Martha Hansen made a motion, seconded by Nancy Pincus, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Hansen, Secretary