

Green Committee, Town of East Haddam
Regular Meeting
River House
7:00 P.M. Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Amended minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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 June 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.

Martha has asked Linda to ask the Board of Selectmen to appoint Steve Baklik and Charlene Riling to the Green Committee.

4. Member's Reports - none

A. Community Food Bank Garden update

The garden is doing well, the potatoes will be ready soon and the tomatoes and peppers are coming along. The corn is stunted due to lack of rain.

B. Newsletter

The summer newsletter has been published. The fall newsletter will focus on recycling. CT Recycles Day is November 15, 2012.

C. Recycling in East Haddam – town and schools update.

Martha met with Beth Lunt, the Public Works administrator, to talk about recycling town-wide and at the schools. According to records kept by the Public Works Department East Haddam recycled about 26% of its general waste in 2011. This figure compares the single stream recycling and scrap metal amount against solid waste, bulky waste and construction debris. But it doesn't include tires, batteries, leaves, waste oil, or electronics. It also does not include any items left in the "free" area of the transfer station (items that someone doesn't want but might still be useful for someone else). Recycling and trash from the schools are brought to the transfer station also, but Public Works does not have specific numbers on how much is brought in or recycled. The maintenance/janitorial department at the schools is in charge of trash and recycling.

The committee agreed that increasing recycling in town and at the schools should be the focus this fall. The committee will create a mission statement to describe the focus on recycling.

5. Audience of Citizens

Steve Baklik and Charlene Riling participated in the discussions about recycling.

6. General Discussion

A. Green Committee web & Facebook pages

The Facebook page is being updated regularly by committee members and the “hits” are increasing each month.

Meeting Schedule: next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 1, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Ken Simon made a motion, seconded by Martha Hansen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Hansen, Secretary