

**Green Committee, Town of East Haddam**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**River House**  
**7:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 1, 2013**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 by Chairman Ken Simon.

**A. Attendance:**

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

Regular members absent: Charlene Riling, Chad Peterson

**2. Secretary's Report - Approval of April 2013 minutes**

**Motion:** Nancy Pincus moved, seconded by Steve Baklik, 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 5 regular members and 2 alternates.

Steve Baklik's flyer has been posted in the East Haddam Library, and will be posted in other locations around town. There were discussions about having a table at the Farmer's Market, recycling at local events (Music on the River) and managing the local Freecycle.

**4. Member's Reports – none**

**A. Community Food Bank Garden update**

Nancy has planted snow peas, potatoes and beans. Sweet potatoes have been ordered from Balleks, peppers have been started inside. The fencing from Lowe's bent under the heavy snow and ruined the netting.

The fence posts have now been straightened by a good Samaritan, but the netting needs to be replaced.

**B. Newsletter**

The next newsletter is scheduled for May. Steve wrote an article on permaculture which will be included. Permaculture may become a permanent section of the newsletter. East Haddam Freecycle is looking for a new moderator. [Easthaddamct@mods.freecycle.org](mailto:Easthaddamct@mods.freecycle.org). There will also be updates on CT solar energy programs, neighbor to neighbor, and the Food Bank Garden. Zero waste, trash to energy programs in CT.

**C. Methodist Church Sale June 1–** Green Committee Fundraiser. Nancy wants to raise some money for the Green Committee by selling plants, cuttings, pots, etc. This may have to be changed or cancelled because the church has been sold and the closing is scheduled for May 30.

**Motion:** made a motion to allow Nancy Pincus to represent the Green Committee at a fundraiser, seconded by Ken Simon. All present voted in favor, motion carried.

**5. Audience of Citizens – no participation**

**6. General Discussion**

**A. Green Committee web & Facebook pages**

The Facebook page is being updated regularly by committee members, hits are down a bit this past month. Ken has some videos he will post.

**B. Single Stream Recycling, zero waste – no update**

**Meeting Schedule:** next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

**7. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Hansen, Secretary