

**Green Committee, Town of East Haddam
Regular Meeting
River House
7:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 5, 2010**

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the East Haddam Green Committee was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by Vice-Chairman Chad Peterson.

The Green Committee will hold regular meetings on the first Wednesday of the month until further notice.

A. Attendance:

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

Regular members absent: Ken Simon, Sue Staehly

Alternate members present: Mike Harris

2. Secretary's Report

Approval of 3-3-2010

The minutes of 3-3-2010 were reviewed.

Martha Hansen asked for a correction; the person who seconded the minute's approval was Nancy Pincus, not Nancy Giesey.

MOTION: Chad Peterson made a motion, seconded by Nancy Pincus, to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion unanimously approved.

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 1 alternate.

4. Member's Reports

A. Community Food Bank Garden update

Nancy Pincus reported that planting will be done on May 22, with the help of two local Girl Scout troops. The garden will be fenced with deer netting after planting; help is needed to install the fencing around the garden, which is about 15' x30'. Cow manure from a local farm has been donated and needs to be spread. Volunteers are welcome any time to spread manure on the garden.

B. Grass Roots Environment Fund Grant/Reusable Bag Project update

Yvonne Rubin reported that the bags have been ordered and delivery is expected in the next week or so. The bags will be for sale at the Grist Mill Market and the Nathan Hale Pharmacy. The Green Committee will also be selling the bags on Sunday, June 27, at Ballek's Garden Center at ECCoLoV's annual Rain Barrel pick up event.

Patti Deschaine, publisher of the Fishwrapper, would like to publish an article on the bags as soon as they are available.

C. Newsletter – May/June 2010 edition

The May/June newsletter will be emailed soon.

5. Audience of Citizens – no public participation

6. General Discussion

A. New Town website, Green Committee page

The new East Haddam town website is up and running, the address is www.easthaddam.org. The Green Committee minutes are posted there. Chad will investigate getting the Green Committee's newsletters posted there.

B. “Victory Garden” awareness, utilization & implementation (planting, canning, food storage)

Tabled.

C. Projects to help town residents become more self reliant and sustainable

Tabled.

D. Green Committee logo/motto:

Tabled.

E. Transition Towns – have Transition 1.0 short film

The Transition New Haven group is holding an Open Space event on Health & Wellbeing – When the Economy is sick, how do we keep ourselves well? This event will be on Saturday, May 15, 10am – 5 pm, at the Common Ground High School, 358 Springside Ave., New Haven.

7. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

8. Adjournment

Yvonne Rubin made a motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 P.M. All present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Hansen, Secretary