

**Green Committee, Town of East Haddam  
Regular Meeting  
River House  
7:00 P.M. Wednesday, September 1, 2010**

**1. Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the East Haddam Green Committee was called to order at 7:10 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: Chad Peterson, Martha Hansen, Nancy Pincus, Ken Simon by telephone.

Regular members absent: Yvonne Rubin, Sue Staehly

Alternate members absent: Mike Harris

Guest: David Rapoza

**2. Secretary's Report**

**Approval of 6-2-2010 minutes was waived.**

**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.

Jean Breuler is interested in serving on the committee and has filled out an application.

**Motion:** Chad Peterson made a motion, seconded by Nancy Pincus, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Jean Breuler be appointed to the Green Committee as a regular member.

**4. Member's Reports**

**A. Community Food Bank Garden update**

Nancy Pincus reported that the garden is doing very well – 82 lbs. of produce has been delivered to the Food Bank so far: beans, peas, broccoli, cucumbers, tomatoes, squash, sugar pumpkins, and watermelon. Carrots, potatoes, and tomatillos will be harvested soon.

The Rockfall grant for \$250 was received by the town and Nancy has been reimbursed for garden expenses.

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

The bags are selling well at the Grist Mill Market, and are also for sale at the Nathan Hale Pharmacy and in the Gillett's Castle gift shop. Patti Deschaine wrote an article about the bags for the Fishwrapper and donated approximately \$28 to the bag fund (a revolving fund reserved for reusable bags). Sixteen bags were sold at ECCoLoV's Rain barrel Pick-Up Day at Ballek's Garden Center in July and \$32 was deposited into the bag fund.

**C. Newsletter –Next edition**

Martha Hansen will work on putting together a September/August edition of the newsletter.

**5. Audience of Citizens**

David Rapoza was welcomed to the meeting; he may be interested in helping out with the Food Bank Garden in the future. There was a discussion about the Food Bank Garden and different methods of food preservation. David was encouraged to think about joining the Green Committee.

**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](http://www.easthaddam.org). The Green Committee agendas and minutes are 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.**

**7. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.**

**8. Adjournment**

Chad Peterson made a motion, seconded by Nancy Pincus, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. All present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Hansen, Secretary