

**Green Committee, Town of East Haddam
Regular Meeting
River House
7:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 6, 2010**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was not officially called to order due to lack of a quorum.

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

A. Attendance:

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

Regular members absent: Chad Peterson, Yvonne Rubin, Sue Staehly

Guests: Terri Smith, John M cCormack, Colin McCormack, Connor McCormack, David Holmgren

2. Secretary's Report

Approval of 9-1-2010 minutes

The minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum

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. The Green Committee approved her application at their September meeting. The Board of Selectmen will appoint her at their next meeting (October 6).

Mike Harris (alternate) has resigned from the committee for personal reasons.

4. Member's Reports

A. Community Food Bank Garden update

Nancy Pincus reported that the garden is doing well – over 100 lbs. of produce has been delivered to the Food Bank so far: beans, peas, broccoli, cucumbers, tomatoes, squash, sugar pumpkins, and watermelon. Carrots, spinach, potatoes, and tomatillos remain to be harvested

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. There are about 100 bags left, Martha Hansen has them.

C. Newsletter –Next edition

The October/November newsletter has been emailed to the distribution list. Copies were passed around for people to look at. The next issue, December/January, will be sent out in late November.

D. Rockfall Foundation Grants, deadline November 11, 2010

The Rockfall Foundation's deadline for 2011 grants is November 11, 2010. The Foundation requires that the Green Committee create a display related to the Community Garden for a Rockfall event sometime in November. Martha Hansen will contact the foundation and get the details.

5. Audience of Citizens

Terri Smith attended the meeting and is interested in joining the Green Committee. She filled out an application and will be added to the email distribution list. She spoke about her efforts to increase recycling at school sports events.

John McCormack, leader of East Haddam's Boy Scout Troop 22, and scouts Colin McCormack, Connor McCormack, and Randy Holmgren attended the meeting to find out how a town committee meeting works. The requirements of an official meeting were explained, including the need for a quorum in order to conduct business. The scouts are interested in contributing an article to the next newsletter, and in helping out with the Community Food Bank Garden.

6. General Discussion

A. Town website, Green Committee page

The new East Haddam town website is up and running, the address is www.easthaddam.org. The Green Committee agendas and minutes are posted there. The newsletters will be added, as well as other information.

**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, November 3, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Hansen, Secretary