

**Green Committee, Town of East Haddam  
Regular Meeting  
River House  
7:00 P.M. Wednesday, November 3, 2010**

**1. Call to Order**

**The meeting was officially called to order at 7:08 by Chairman Ken Simon**

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, Chad Peterson, Jean Breuler

Regular members absent: Yvonne Rubin, Sue Staehly

**2. Secretary's Report**

**Approval of 9-1-2010 minutes**

The minutes were discussed

Chad Peterson moved to accept the minutes as presented, Nancy Pincus seconded the motion, all present voted in favor.

**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 4 regular members and 2 alternates.

Jean Breuler has been appointed to the committee as a regular member.

Terri Smith has applied to join the committee.

**4. Member's Reports**

**A. Community Food Bank Garden update**

Nancy Pincus reported that the garden has supplied 113 lbs. of fresh produce to the Food Bank so far this year, which is more than last year. There is still spinach growing under row covers.

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

The Town Clerk's office purchased 25 bags @ \$1 each to give to new residents who move to town. A check for \$25 will be deposited into the Green Committee bag account. There are 45 bags left in inventory. Martha Hansen will check with the Grist Mill and the Nathan Hale Pharmacy to see how many they have left. She will also find out how much money is in the bag account. Using a reusable bag can save an average of 1,000 plastic bags per year. There was a discussion about ordering more bags and getting more sponsors.

**C. Newsletter –Next edition**

The next newsletter will be the December/January edition. The committee decided that the focus of the issue will be Survival – holiday and otherwise – including emergency preparedness. Chad Peterson will write an article on wild edibles. The benefits of single stream recycling will be reported. Martha Hansen will prepare a rough draft of the newsletter, Ken Simon will edit the content and format, and it will be emailed at the end of November.

**D. Rockfall Foundation Grants, deadline November 11, 2010**

The Rockfall Foundation's Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony is on November 18. The Green Committee is required to prepare a tabletop display for the meeting. More details will be available soon.

The foundation's deadline for grant applications is November 11. The committee discussed grants and decided that it would not apply for a Rockfall Foundation grant this year, but would check into the Grass Roots Environment Fund grants, and others.

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

**6. General Discussion**

**A. Town website, Green Committee page**

The Carpooling flyer, the Green Tips flyer, and past issues of the newsletters will be added to the web page, as well as a copy of the Volunteer Application Form. Ken Simon will add the Green Committee to the form.

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

An article on Victory Gardens will be included in the December/January newsletter.

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

This will be discussed in the next newsletter.

**7. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.**

**8. Adjournment**

Chad Peterson made a motion, seconded by Nancy Pincus, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. All present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Hansen, Secretary