

NOTES FROM EAC 6/24/15 MEETING

- The meeting convened at 5:37pm
- The Eversource Clean Energy Community Program (and Bright Ideas Grant) was discussed by N.Nau and what has been done thus far and how the committee will be involved in the future; a draft of an article being provided to Columbia Crossroads for the next issue in August was provided to better summarize the details
- The DEEP Recycling Grant that was very close to being completed and submitted by Monday June 29, 2015; ideas were solicited and given
- Lisa talked about the CT Agricultural Experimentation Station and how it is the oldest resource and has a tremendous amount of this type of information; great resource for plants that harbor ticks and destructive beetles and moths among other things
 - Another plant that is really bad lately is Barberry; a backpack torch can be used to scald it or it can be mowed down at the correct time of year so it can't germinate
- Carole discussed the Solarize CT initiative - 78 communities participate including Columbia and Lebanon; involved photo voltaic
- N.Nau will inquire with Bob Powell about " Freecycle" (online swap shack) as well as if he is interested in joining the EAC
- Bob Ulkus from Szegda might be another potential EAC member? N.Nau to contact him to inquire
- Carole and Lisa suggested getting residents' email addresses instead of spending money on a paper mailing; N.Nau agreed but was worried about how to attain the email addresses and will be looking into possible options
- Mono pond was brought up; Lisa asked if we could we use the recycling money for mitigation there? N.Nau responded no, just specifically for recycling. Sterile fish to eat the invasive aquatic plants were discussed as alternatives to pesticides
- A mission statement and list of goals were discussed and partially drafted and will be circulated for further input and revision before going on the website; Two towns/cities' missions and goals were researched on the internet during the meeting including (San Antonio, TX and Cary, NC). The committee liked Cary, NC's material and plans to utilize some of its language
- Carole and Lisa will email Natasha links to place on the EAC webpage as well as and PDF document resources
- Natasha will begin building the website with the help of Kim
- The next meeting was set for July 28th at 5:30 in the same room; at that time, a meeting schedule will be set up (bi-monthly or quarterly was discussed as possibilities)
- Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm