

MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, Aug 16th, 2016 @ 5:30pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mtg called to order at 5:40

In attendance: Carole Williamson, Carol Coley, Bryan Tarbell, Mark Walter (Town Administrator)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft minutes will be provided to EAC members via e-mail for review and comment. Revised minutes will be provided to Kim and Gail at the Town.

3. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

None

4. OLD BUSINESS

- Discussed Monarch Butterfly Proclamation: Concern about the decline of the monarch butterfly population. Columbia is the third Town in CT who has implemented this program which commits to help restore habitat for the Monarch and encourage citizens to do the same. Carol Coley will follow up with further documentation regarding the program. Carol will also follow up with George Murphy who may be able to provide a Town map where residents can add push pins where Monarchs have been observed.
- Discussed Columbia's Annual Market, coordinated by the Town Recreation Commission, to be held on Aug 27.
 - Carol Coley will assemble some honey bees and butterfly crafts for kids.
 - Bryan confirmed that Patricia Young of the Salmon River Watershed Partnership (SWRP) will be attending. Pat indicated she will likely be able to speak about upcoming children's environmental workshop opportunities, including 'stream bug assessments' and airline trail connectivity with Market attendees.

- Bryan will follow up with Energize CT regarding procuring LED bulbs utilizing remaining Bright Ideas grant monies to distribute to Columbia residents at the Market.
- Will check with Andrea Drabicki for compost display, trifold (currently in Mark's office), Bryan to bring LED display.

5. NEW BUISINESS:

- Discussed - Symposium on CT invasive plants, Tuesday Oct 11th, \$50; Uconn Student Union. All are welcome.
- Discussed - CT Lakers: CT federation of Lakes is presenting first Southeast Connecticut Lakes Forum from 9-12 pm September 17 at Buck Lodge at Connecticut College in New London. All are welcome.
- Discussed roundup application on town property. Roundup is currently applied in spot locations on Town property by a licensed applicator.
- Garden Club – Carole W. indicated there was a garden club previously in Columbia, however, due to lack of club leadership the club dissolved.
- Discussed - 'Garden Party Pot Luck' supper at Szegda Farm. Millie Ramsie provided a flyer for the event; to be held on Wednesday, August 24th, 6-7:30.
- The Magazine “Events” has been approved by Town BOS. A pricing schedule for advertisers to be provided and distributed to the Town.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mtg Adjourned at 6:25