

MEETING MINUTES

COLUMBIA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 20th, 2018 @ 5:30pm

Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room

1 Call to order – 5:40 p.m.

- Members Present – Carol Williamson, Andrea Drabicki, Bryan Tarbell

2 Approval of Minutes

- No minutes prepared to approve.

3 Audience of Citizens

- Mark Walter (portion of mtg)

4 Old Business

4.1 CT DOT road safety audit / connectivity program update.

4.2 Columbia Lake invasive species.

- EAC attended the Town Meeting in support of Columbia Lake Advisory Committees research in treating terrestrial invasive plants (grasses) in several minor areas around the lake. BOS voted to approve application of recommended treatment direct to the invasive plants.

4.3 Farm to Table event or alternative fundraising ideas.

- No further discussion.

4.4 EAC participated at Szegda Farm Open Space 10 year anniversary celebration at Szegda Farm (Summer Solstice). EAC installed one bee hive at the southern end of the garden area, facing towards the uncut grassy area. EAC gave presentations of different bee keeping equipment and techniques and provided several beekeeping reference books for discussion.

4.5 Bright Ideas grant monies - EAC needs to follow up on available grant monies for recent town HVAC and solar system upgrades at HWP elementary.

4.6 EAC was referenced in two news articles

- 'The View' - for recent support of the Horace W. Porter elementary school "Bike Rodeo" and partnership with the Town's Resident Trooper DiCarli and Saint Francis Hospital
- 'The Chronicle' – for coordinating the "Pollinator" event in the center of Town.

5 New Business

5.1 EAC was approached by a resident of the town to possibly supply the compost sifters for sale. EAC to follow up building several for sale to raise money for future events.

5.2 EAC needs to disburse remaining bright ideas grant monies (\$978.86) to one of the Town's energy improvement projects. There are current LED improvement projects in several Town buildings, including the HWP school. EAC will follow up with Mark Walter to find out where this money could be applied.

6 Comments

- None.

7 Adjournment – 6:40 p.m.