

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**COLUMBIA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, April 19, 2016**  
**Adella G. Urban Administrative Office Conference Room**

**Members Present:** Andrea Drabicki, Bryan Tarbell, Carol Williamson  
**Present:**

**Members Absent:** Carol Coley, Carmen Vance, First Selectman

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the meeting held on March 15, 2016 were motioned and approved.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - 4.1 First Bright Ideas Grant Event: Light Bulb Exchange
    - a. Let's Do the Numbers!
      - Event was a huge success
      - Busiest hours were from 11am-1pm
      - 1277 bulbs exchanged
      - 11% citizen turn out
      - 750 light bulbs remain with the lighting vendor TechniArt

**\*\*\* ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: \*\*\***

- Post photos from event on EAC webpage:
- Tim Ackert Rep photo with EAC
- Pick photos to post on website

**4.2 Review of Clean Energy Community Action Plan Draft**

**\*\*\* ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: \*\*\***

- Hold until next month
- Bryan Tarbell to check with Kim Bona (Administrative Assistant) and find out where we should keep EAC documents moving forward
- Carol Williamson will see if she can come in and sort through what paperwork EAC has on file in the Town Administration office

**4.3 Columbia Chatter Submissions**

- To be decided by the Board of Selectman if the Columbia Chatter will continue

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**4.4 Road Survey Assessment**

- Andrea will follow up with Paula Stahl after POCD is finalized
- Andrea Drabicki will contact CT DOT to give the updated that Paula Stahl is the new POC

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Thank You Notes to vendor participants from the Earth Day/Energy Event & Light Bulb Swap**

**\*\*\* ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: \*\*\***

**Bryan Tarbell will thank:**

Ann Dunnack, Conservation & Agriculture Commission  
Anchor Insulation

**Andrea Drabicki will thank:**

Justin Holbrook, Historical Society

**Carole Williamson will thank:**

Emil Thoman, Harness the Sun

**Other Parties to Thank:**

Tim Ackert, State Rep  
Eversource Utility  
TechniArt, Lightbulb Vendor  
Insulation Solutions of CT, Fred Bilodeau

**5.2 EAC Website needs updating** - removal of old material and contact information

- Bryan's cell phone is wrong
- Take Natasha Nau's name off the website - put in Carmen Vance
- Delete the upcoming lightbulb swap reference
- Member Vacancy - open
- Mission Statement - Update bright Ideas grant points

**6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

The EAC spent time mapping out what level of engagement and initiatives it would take on for the rest of the fiscal year now that the Town Administrator position is vacant.

The EAC discussed that it may be of benefit to go to other committee meetings to determine what are the other mission statements and initiatives of the other organizations and see where best the EAC could compliment those efforts. Where could partnerships form? Where best efforts could be combined?

The EAC determined it was not interested in folding into another existing committee or organization but could best assist the town by staying alert and elevated on national and

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state imperatives and bringing those imperatives to the Board of Selectmen and other pertinent committees to solicit for further action and synergy.

Topics that have been identified as having **substantial state monies**: Road Safety, Trail Connectivity, Composting, Energy Efficiency

Topics that have been identified as **state environmental interest**: Pest Management Control

Topics identified as having **local concern by town citizens based on POCD Survey feedback**: Air Pollution, Invasive Species Management Control for land and lake, Land conservation

**EAC interests**: Colony Collapse,

**7. ADJOURNMENT**: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM