

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**COLUMBIA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, September 20, 2016**  
**Adella G. Urban Administrative Office Conference Room**

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

**Present:** Town Administrator, Mark Walter

**Members Absent:** Carol Coley

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** There were no meeting minutes submitted for approval.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

**4.1 Bight Ideas Grant - remaining dollars and/or LED bulb disbursement**

- a. Discussion included approximately 700 bulbs left LED bulbs left
- b. Possible discussion about Senior Center light bulb retrofit donation or the Fire House or other Town owned building in need of an energy efficiency lighting upgrade.
- c. Have until the end of the year 2016 to use the light bulbs
- d. Andrea to get Brian the contact information for the lighting vendor that was at the first EE Lightbulb Exchange event- Techni Art

**4.2 Road Safety Audit**

- a. To occur on September 22 at 8:30-12pm here in Town Hall
- b. Department of Transportation and their consultants AECOM will be present to conduct the Safety Audit
- c. The Audit is to include the intersection of Route 66/87 to the town line in Andover. With also a spur to evaluate part of Route 66 to the Senior Center
- d. Andrea to make contact with Town Planner Paula Stahl about attending with George Murphy

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Environmental Awareness Event at Devil's Hopyard - October 18**

- a. Bryan wanted to bring to the committee's attention the upcoming event sponsored by the 8-Mile and Salmon River Watershed Associations.
- b. Held from 1-4pm, October 18, Devil's Hopyard

**5.2 Recreational Trails Grant - DEEP**

- a. The deadline is due in mid-December

- b. The Town is waiting for the Road Safety Audit to be conducted and the draft report released
- c. A meeting then needs to be had with town administrators to review the RSA
- d. Then a coordination meeting with the Conservation Commission to see if any possible road network infrastructure improvement plans would fit in with their trail networks.

## **6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

### **6.1 Town Administrator - Energy Efficiency Upgrades**

Mr. Walter stopped by to inform that committee that Titan Energy - Energy implementation company is already working with a lot of surrounding towns and could be a possible firm to utilize to assist in energy efficiency upgrade for town owned facilities - especially the Senior Center.

### **6.2 CT Symposium on Invasive Plants - October 11**

- a. Held at UConn from 8-4:30pm

**7. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM