

## MEETING MINUTES

### COLUMBIA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 16th, 2018 @ 5:30pm

Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER 5:45 pm

1. Mtg attendees" Carol Coley, Carol Williamson, Andrea Drabicki, Bryan Tarbell

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 3. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

- o Mark Walter, Graeme Tarbell

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

1. CT DOT Road Safety Audit / Community Connectivity Program update
  - The scope of this item is beyond EAC committee and considered closed.
2. Remaining Green Energy grant funds was going to be allocated to Town – discussion.
  - Carol Coley made a motion for the remaining monies to be appropriated to the Town to be used for current HVAC upgrade projects.
    - Andrea seconds. (4 yes votes).
3. Need to review our Green energy/conservation points from many recent Town HVAC/solar energy system upgrades
  - EAC to help Town Administrative assistant (Jenn) with grant information.
  - Bring in emails and passwords set up for previous grant applications to Jenn.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussed finding new members to join EAC.
  - Discussed reaching out to Republican Town Committee and BOS for recruiting ideas.
2. Discussed HWP Mudrun and Saint Francis Hospital / EAC support.
3. Discussed reaching out to Heartstone for Charity farm to table event.
4. CT DEEP recycling initiative (handouts from DEEP seminar)
  - Movie to edit and can post on Columbia website
  - Mark Walter is in process of renegotiating waste contract and will update committee on Columbia Waste quantities
  - Mark indicated that at Columbia transfer station, if greater than 10% of load is contaminated then fees will be charged for to dispose of waste and extra handling fees.

- Waste should be clean and dry.
- How many composting barrels do we have to get a break in cost and can we sell them.
- EAC discussed making compost sifters. Discussed providing sifters and worm composting information at possible Columbia Farm to Table Event.

**6. COMMENTS**

**7. ADJOURNMENT (6:45)**