

MEETING MINUTES November 19th, 2019 @ 5:30pm

COLUMBIA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room

Members Present: Carole Williamson, Andrea Drabicki, Bryan Tarbell

Members of the Public Present: None

Members Absent: Carol Coley

Guests: None

1. Call To Order: 5:35
2. Approval of Minutes: Andrea makes motion to approve May 21, 2019 minutes with minor changes.
Bryan T. seconds motion (yah 3, nah 0)
3. Old Business:
 - 3.1. Sustainable Columbia update:
 - 3.1.1. Thin film recycling update - Big Y can only accept limited qty of thin film to blend with their store collection effort. EAC recommends reaching out to numerous participating stores in program to spread out work between stores. We need to research options to deliver larger quantities at once because the plastic is accumulating fast. (Keeping track of quantities and prepare writeup for Columbia's The View article).
 - 3.1.2. Recycling initiative with Porter Elementary
 - 3.1.2.1. Discussed School Grant Application with Allysa Gwynell- The goal of the School Grant program is to fund efforts in Connecticut K-12 schools that foster greater understanding of and promote action and engagement in waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting and/or anaerobic digestion.

3.1.2.2. Alyssa Gwynnel will be providing a contact to EASTCONN to research if they are working with other schools. Also, could EASTCONN staff start composting in the kitchen?

3.2. Farmers Market Discussion: None

3.3. Earth Day ideas? "Adopt a Highway". Reach out to saplings to school kids. Try pachaug state forest.

4. New Business:

4.1. Pollinator pathways. Team with Hebron Green Committee for fresh ideas.

4.2. End of year EAC summary.

4.2.1. Earth Day Movie. ??

4.2.2. Began thin film recycling program kick-off

4.2.3. Pollinator event - Will coordinate with Carol Coley.

4.2.4. Bike Rodeo with Mud Run

5. Submit EAC budget to mark.

6. Adjournment: 6:30