

MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 16, 2017
Adella G. Urban Administrative Office Conference Room

Members Present: Andrea Drabicki, Bryan Tarbell, Carole Williamson, Carol Coley

Present: Town Administrator, Mark Walter

Members Absent: Carol Coley

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Carol Coley motions to approve February 21st, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Carole Williamson seconds. Vote – 4 yah / 0 nah.
3. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** Edith Prague
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 4.1 **Bight Ideas Grant - remaining dollars and LED bulb disbursement**
 - a. EAC's second LED light bulb exchange event was a success. Almost 825 bulbs were given to Columbia residents, roughly 168 households came to exchange their old incandescent bulbs. There are approximately 1000 bulbs left. Technicart indicated that the price per bulb has lowered due to more efficient technology and manufacturing and we therefore have some funds remaining to do another light bulb exchange.
 - Bryan T. checked with Allison Jackman who indicated that EAC is able to use remaining grant monies to upgrade town buildings lighting and or energy efficiency improvements. EAC is considering the following possibilities, but will also seek input from other Town officials (Bud Meyers and Mark Walter, BOS)
 - a. Senior Center light bulb retrofit donation.
 - b. Fire House or other Town owned building in need of an energy efficiency lighting upgrade.
 - b. The sale of LED helicopters from the light bulb exchange event raised \$40 for EAC to use at a later date. Andrea Drabicki recommended this money be used to purchase an 'EAC' banner to be used at public events.
 - 4.2 **Pollinator Event**
 - a. Carol C. is organizing the pollinator event for June 10th, 2017 from 10-2 pm. Carol will have 2 alpacas, fibers to sell, pollinator plants, and a pizza food truck. Edith P. recommended calling Scott Haney (WFSB News) to advertise on local television.
 - EAC will make compost sifters to sell at Bryan T. house.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 5.1 **Traffic Calming options for Route 87 between Route 66 and Route 6**

- a. Edith Prague discussed concern for traffic safety along Rte 87 with high speed traffic. Edith P. was wondering if there are traffic calming measures that could be implemented to slow down traffic. Andrea Drabicki suggested several options to achieve traffic calming that may be coordinated with CT State DOT.
 1. Enforcement signs,
 2. Re-striping to create a narrower lane and create more shoulder in both directions.
 3. Provide paint striping for a bike/ped lane.
 4. Neighboring towns have installed rumble strips.

Discussed possibly inviting a DOT representative to speak to EAC and or BOS/DPW. EAC will begin to start dialoge with appropriate Town and State employees and community residents input. EAC can reach out to surrounding towns for ideas and programs (Mansfield and Bolton). Ms. Prague recommends drawing a petition for people in Columbia to install a sidewalk from Town Hall to Columbia Lake.

EAC will try to reach out to Columbia Town Facilities staff and Town Administrator regarding looking into paint striping a bike/ped lanes along lake road extending to 87.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

6.1 None

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