

MEETING MINUTES

COLUMBIA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 19th, 2018 @ 5:30pm

Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room

1. Call to order – 5:45 p.m.

- Members Present – Carol Williamson, Carol Coley, Bryan Tarbell

2. Approval of Minutes

- No minutes prepared to approve.

3. Audience of Citizens

- Mark Walter (portion of meeting)

4. Old Business

- 4.1. CT DOT Road Safety Audit / Community Connectivity Program update – no further discussion.
- 4.2. Discuss the BOS Town meeting regarding discussion of Columbia lake invasive plant species. No further discussion.
- 4.3. Pollinator Event on Town CTR lawn summary – Carol indicated the event was a great success with support from local vendors and public participation. Carol C. commented that advertising could be better but is difficult. Carol C. advertised in the Norwich Bullitin, WFSB, and NBC CT. Carol C. also indicated that extra volunteers would be helpful
- 4.4. Bike Safety event held at Horace W. Porter Elementary – No further discussion.
- 4.5. Farm to Table fund raiser event. – Bryan T followed up with Heartstone Winery and was informed that they have events scheduled nearly every wknd and are focusing on expanding their hosting areas. It's likely they may not be in a good position to host a Columbia Day type event this year.

5. New Buisness

- 5.1. Szegda 10 year Anniversary (Summer Solstice) event. Discussed installing a bee hive at the property and presentations.
- 5.2. Columbia Views article deadline is June 22 – ideas?
 - Possible Bike Rodeo and Pollinator event.
- 5.3.
- 5.4. Mark Walter indicated that the solar panels recently installed on the HWP school roof have secured the town a very competitive electricity rate in the range of about \$0.05 per kilowatt hour (compared to near \$0.20 cents)
- 5.5. Bryan has discussed recycling with Horace W. Porter elementary principle Allyssa Gwynell.

6. Comments

- 6.1. Need to review our Green energy/conservation points from many recent Town HVAC/solar energy system upgrades – volunteers?

7. Adjournment – 6:40 p.m.