

MEETING MINUTES

COLUMBIA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 21th, 2018 @ 5:30pm

Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room

1. Call to order – 5:40 p.m.

- Members Present – Andrea Drabicki, Bryan Tarbell

2. Approval of Minutes

- No quorum to approve minutes.

3. Audience of Citizens

- Mark Walter

4. Old Business

- 4.1. Update on remaining Green Energy grant fund allocation to town. - No discussion. This was voted on in October to be allocated to the Town for HVAC use (Mark Walter to administer).
- 4.2. Review Green energy/conservation points from many recent Town HVAC/solar energy system upgrades.
- 4.3. EAC to help Town Administrative assistant (Jenn Lavoie) with grant information.
- 4.4. Bring in emails and passwords set up for previous grant applications to Jenn.
- 4.5. New member recruitment – No discussion on this item.
- 4.6. Columbia Farm to Table event – No discussion.
- 4.7. CT DEEP / Columbia recycling initiative updates –
 - Discussed Columbia's involvement with Sustainable CT with Mark (received program information packets).

- EAC discussed it's participation CCM recycling training earlier this year in Newtown CT (Member Bryan Tarbell attended).
 - Discussed including Horace Porter Elementary school with possible assistance from the principe Alyssa Gwynell.
 - Bryan indicated that Ms. Gwynell was approached earlier about the idea of coordinating recycling initiatives with the Town and was receptive.
- 4.8. Composting sifters and barrels for sale and disbursement at EAC events – This is a possible option to raise money for upcoming events. Need to organize a work party to build several to have for sale at future events.

5. New Buisness

- 5.1. Discussed 2019 meeting schedule. Andrea and Bryan agreed that continuing EAC mtg schedule of third Tuesday of every month was suitable. Bryan to reach out to other members for comment on whether alternative day would be better for committee.
- 5.2. 2019 Goals - recruitment, work on possible future sustainable CT involvement, pollinator event, continue bike safety event through HWP Elementary Mud Run committee, build compost sifters, work with Town of Columbia for Sustainable CT initiatives.

6. Comments

- None.

7. Adjournment – 6:40 p.m.