

Green Committee

Regular Meeting

January 26, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Video Conference Call

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2. Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2022
3. Approval of 2023 Calendar
4. Spring Shred Event
5. Earth Day
6. DPW Facility
7. ARPA/Nickel Nip/Lee Sawyer
8. New Member Outreach
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**HEBRON GREEN COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING (VIRTUAL)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

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MINUTES

Members Present:

K. Hershey
L. Ockman
M. Harder
J. Matra
L. Howard
D. Rodosevich

Members Absent:

J. Esposito (alternate)
B. Barlow (alternate)

Guests:

Dan Larson
Bill Warzecha
Tiffany Thiele

1. Call to Order - ***By: K. Hershey - Time: 7:01 p.m.***
2. Approval of Minutes: a. October 27, 2022

MOTION to APPROVE the minutes.

Motion by: D. Rodosevich

Seconded by: M. Harder

Result: Passes (5-0-0)

3. Approval of 2023 Calendar -

MOTION to APPROVE the 2023 Calendar.

Motion by: M. Harder.
Seconded by: L. Howard
Result: Passes (5-0-0)

4. Approval of New Shred Event Date - The November shred event was cancelled on account of the weather. A shred event will be held in the spring instead. Shred-it is holding April 29, 2023 as a replacement date. The Committee members agreed that it was likely late enough in the season to avoid another weather cancellation.

MOTION to APPROVE April 29, 2023 as the new shred event date.

Motion by: D. Rodosevich
Seconded by: M. Harder
Result: Passes (5-0-0)

5. DPW Facility -

Bill Warzecha was in attendance to speak on the topic of salt contamination (namely from road salt) and its impact.

L. Ockman joined the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Mr. Warzecha said he has a lot of experience with road salt contamination and salt storage at DOT sites, etc. He said that the salt can wreak havoc and create a financial hardship for those who are adversely affected by its contamination. He said that, while steps can be taken to minimize the impact, some contamination from sites that store road salt is inevitable.

M. Harder asked if less contamination is observed at newer facilities. Mr. Warzecha said he wasn't sure, but he has seen contamination at "newer" sites. He said most of the facilities he examined were post-nineteen-eighties.

K. Hershey asked how they become aware of contamination. Mr. Warzecha said that ground water monitoring can be done.

L. Howard asked what happens once a site becomes contaminated. Mr. Warzecha said there are laws in place to protect residents who are adversely affected by contamination. He said the town could assess the feasibility of providing public water to certain residents. He said that one of the things that makes contamination so burdensome for certain residents is that it can take years to determine that the source of contamination that is eroding a resident's pipes, making their well water undrinkable, etc. is, in fact, a facility in the area that is storing and moving salt. His suggestion was that public water be extended to the residents in the closest proximity to the proposed facility.

Dan Larson was also in attendance, and he said that the planned system is totally encapsulated with a membrane under the units and loading areas to try and prevent contamination. He said that he felt that the groundwater monitoring would be a good idea.

L. Howard suggested using a site that has already seen contamination to completely avoid possible contamination at a new site.

D. Larson said there are logistic issues with the current site, as well, that need to be taken into consideration.

M. Harder wondered if the area near the current public works facility is actually in or near wetlands, because Dan Larson cited that as a reason that the site wasn't a candidate for expansion or a new facility. J. Cordier would be the one to talk to about the wetlands and M. Harder was going to reach out to him.

Mr. Warzecha left the meeting and the Committee members turned their attention to the letter they had been working on regarding the construction of the facility at the proposed site in the center of town.

DPW Letter - D. Rodosevich sent over a copy of the letter she had been working on. The Committee members discussed how to revise the language in the letter. L. Ockman said she would soften some of the language and cut back on some of the points about groundwater/wetlands. J. Matra said he appreciated that the letter is fact-based and felt that that is how it should be approached. L. Howard agreed. K. Hershey asked that all edits be sent to D. Rodosevich by the end of day Tuesday, 12/13/2022.

Tiffany Thiele was in attendance, and she said they are still working on the costs for the facility, and that there is a plan to send out a survey to townspeople to gauge their feelings on it.

K. Hershey said she would like to see their letter go to the Building Committee and the Board of Selectmen. D. Rodosevich proposed a way to present the letter that would dissect it in a way to lead people to more information if they are interested rather than launch them right into it.

6. Swap Shack Closing - The last day that the Swap Shack will be open in 2022 is December 18. M. Harder is scheduled to be at the Shack on the 11th and the 18th, but K. Hershey suggested that all members go down on the 18th for the closing. The Shack will be cleaned out and certain items will be donated.

Mouse Repellent - J. Matra said they could use a product called "Mouse Magic" to repel the mice away from the Swap Shack. He said it is \$45 for one order. They need to remove items from the Shack that the mice can roost in.

MOTION to PURCHASE "Mouse Magic" for around \$45.

Motion by: M. Harder.

Seconded by: L. Howard. **Result:**
Result: Passes (6-0-0)

7. ARPA/Nickel Nip/Lee Sawyer - Lee Sawyer is wrapping up. K. Hershey said that the price of shipping for the signs has increased, so she is working through that. None of the funds from ARPA has been used yet. J. Matra talked about the bike racks they planned to purchase with the ARPA funding. He said there is information on their options on the share drive.

AHM - L. Ockman talked about the potential partnership between the Hebron Green Committee and AHM on the Nickel Nip project. She wrote a letter to AHM inquiring about the partnership, and they agreed to it. She was looking for suggestions on how they might get AHM's help. She said she separated it into an education component and an action component. Some examples she provided on education included how to ask for help if you have an alcohol abuse problem, how and where to properly dispose of nip bottles, and the effects of the nip bottles on the environment. Some examples of action items included enforcement on littering, and roadside clean up. K. Hershey asked members to email L. Ockman ideas. The next step will be to put ideas in a shared document.

8. CT DEEP Climate Resilience Fund - No updates at this time.

9. Conservation Commission Unrecyclables - Ann Zitkus sent around info about the Oral B program to take dental items such as toothbrushes (doesn't have to be of the Oral B brand). K. Hershey said that the issue is that there is no evidence of what these programs actually do with these items once they are received. The Green Committee would need to research that before they could endorse the program. With regards to a potential partnership, it was agreed that the Green Committee would have to have a role in the researching before they could put anything into action (i.e. boxes at the dentist's office to collect dental items).

MOTION to PURSUE a partnership with the Conservation Commission so that we can look a little bit further into ways to recycle "unrecyclable items," while making sure that the end stream is going to be legitimate.

Motion by: J. Matra
Seconded by: L. Howard
Result: Passes (6-0-0)

10. Members - E. Terlecki is no longer a member. A space is available for a regular member. B. Barlow and J. Esposito are alternates.

11. Goals - No updates at this meeting. Will be discussed later.

12. Other Business -

D. Rodosevich asked if Section G. of the POCD had been sent over to Planning & Zoning. K. Hershey said she is working on bulleting out the Green Committee's suggestions so it is easier for Planning & Zoning to unpack and potentially implement.

13. Adjournment - Next meeting:

MOTION to ADJOURN the December 8, 2022 meeting at 10:41 P.M.

Motion by: J. Matra

Seconded by: L. Howard

Result: Passes (6-0-0)

**Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Thornberg**

Hebron Green Committee

Approved Meeting Dates for 2023

Virtual – 7 P.M. – 4th Thursday of each month, except combined holiday meeting

January 26, 2023 (re-approving this date so it reads as a full year)

February 23

March 23

April 27

May 25

June 22

July 27

August 24

September 28

October 26

December 7

January 25, 2024