

**Green Committee**

**Regular Meeting**

**March 23, 2023**

**7:00 P.M.**

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes – February 23, 2023
3. Sam Ockman Presentation
4. Earth Day Planning
5. Swap Shack Opening
6. Spring Shred Event
7. Lee Sawyer/ARPA Update
8. Nickel Nip Funding
9. New Member
10. DPW Facility
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment

**HEBRON GREEN COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING (RHAM HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA &  
VIRTUAL)  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

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***Members Present:***

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

***Members Absent:***

1. Call to Order - ***By: K. Hershey - Time: 7:03 p.m.***
2. Approval of Minutes: a. January 26, 2023

a. Page 3, under agenda item 6. DPW Facility, in the final paragraph of that section - Revise the second sentence to read "The letter will be released on behalf of the Green Committee."

b. Page 4, under agenda item 9. Other Business, replace the final paragraph in that section with the following: - "Since Section 2G of the POCD still had not been submitted, D. Rodosevich asked if she could submit it to the Conservation Commission and the Planning and Zoning Committee and see if she could get on their agenda regarding it. It was agreed that she should do so. K. Hershey asked her to represent the Committee regarding the Sustainability section (Section 2A) also."

**MOTION to APPROVE** the minutes for January 26, 2023 as amended.

**Motion by:** M. Harder

**Seconded by:** L. Ockman

**Result:** Passes (7-0-0)

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3. DPW Facility - The Committee members are trying to iron out the details of the letter that they plan on sending out on behalf of the Green Committee, regarding the proposed plans to build a DPW Facility on the Horton Property at the center of town. K. Hershey wanted to talk about objectives. L. Ockman said that the idea that seems to have gotten lost is that of protecting the lands. Secondly, she thought the movement towards what she referred to as the “chart idea” (a letter format or something to be included in the letter) was good in theory but didn’t work as well in practice. This became referred to as the “chart format” versus the “letter format.”

*Brian Barlow joined at 7:14pm.*

The Committee members agreed that the letter format was preferred. M. Harder said that the letter might be overfilled with information. D. Rodosevich said it might be best to focus on the facts that have not been brought up to the public in the news. J. Esposito asked how far along the project is (referring to which stage they are at in getting the facility built). K. Hershey said they approved the budget for the facility, but they are getting a survey because they feel like it would not pass right now. It is unlikely to go to referendum in May at this point.

K. Hershey said the objective is to say “here are our red flags from an environmental perspective.” She said that just putting out the concerns (regarding the facility being built at the proposed location) is being viewed as “rebellion.” L. Ockman said it is important to show their research. K. Hershey said they do need to go into some depth in the letter, meaning that it is important to not omit certain pieces of information. The current letter is 13 pages long, and may be able to be pared down some. K. Hershey did not want to back off from the plans to send it. L. Howard said they should be able to put forward their concerns without being seen as rebellious.

Drafts of the letter that D. Rodosevich originally put together went out sometime in December for comment. L. Ockman and L. Howard made edits. There were original and soft drafts of the letter that were sent out in December.

K. Hershey said it is time to move forward with the letter. She floated the idea of sending out two letters with different approaches and letting the town determine which one they preferred. The letter selected would go before the Board of Selectmen. If they chose to do two, they would both be a part of the public record. L. Ockman suggested going through the letter and voicing concerns (during the meeting). B. Barlow said he felt like two letters weakens their stance.

M. Harder talked about the current facility and the tight fit they are dealing with. The idea of keeping the salt storage at the current location, while still building a facility at the Horton property, has been floated. Using a “brownfield” for the salt storage is what the Green Committee’s stance should be. M. Harder’s understanding is that the town wants an “all or nothing” site and are not interested in splitting it up. K. Hershey said the location of the proposed new facility was purchased for the proposed “campus” at the center of town.

J. Esposito said they should focus on the negative environmental impacts of the current plans for the facility at that site. He said there is a lot of information on the existing facility and he wasn’t

sure that should make it into the letter. K. Hershey said it serves as an example of their concerns for the new facility. She said her biggest issue with the letter in its current iteration is the tone.

D. Rodosevich suggested that K. Hershey make edits based on tone. “December 2022 Soft” is the version they are moving forward off of. L. Ockman said she would take a look at K. Hershey’s and M. Harder’s initial edits to that version of the letter.

“December 2022 Soft” is going to be cycled through K. Harder and M. Harder, then L. Ockman and J. Esposito, then B. Barlow and J. Matra, and finally D. Rodosevich and L. Howard. This will be the March version. D. Rodosevich said she wants to see the March version compared to the December soft version.

J. Esposito brought up the fact that questions were posed to the town at a previous meeting with a Q&A session that went unanswered. K. Hershey said that they may want to put in the letter out that they wanted to get the information therein out far enough in advance of the referendum.

#### 4. Other Business -

- Six twin bins are in use at Vets Park right now. They do not have the signs on the front yet. The bins, in general, are being utilized well, per K. Hershey.
- A letter went out to the Board of Selectmen that should be discussed in the future.
- D. Rodosevich thought the Swap Shack update letter should go out. Kevin and Gordy of Public Works have seen it.
- The Boy Scouts are doing a fundraising shred event in Colchester on April 22, 2023, the day before the planned spring Shred Event.

#### 5. Adjournment - Next meeting: March 23, 2023.

**MOTION to ADJOURN** the February 23, 2023 meeting at 9:31 p.m.

**Motion by:** M. Harder

**Seconded by:** J. Esposito

**Result:** Passes (8-0-0)

**Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew Thornberg**