

**Green Committee**

**Regular Meeting**

**January 25, 2024**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Video Conference Call**

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: December 7, 2024
3. Food Waste Diversion
4. Grant Funds (ARPA/Nickel Nip)
5. Maple Fest
6. Green Leaf Schools
7. Colebrook
8. New Members
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

**TOWN OF HEBRON  
GREEN COMMITTEE  
Regular Meeting (Virtual)  
Thursday, December 7, 2023 - 7:00 PM**

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**MINUTES**

**ATTENDENCE:**

**Members Present:** Kaitlin Hershey, Mike Harder, Lindsay Ockman, Brian Barlow, Josh Esposito

**Guests:** Paul Forrest (Director of Public Works)

**1. Call to Order**

Chair K. Hershey called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**A. October 26, 2023 – Regular Meeting**

**Motion by M. Harder and seconded by L. Ockman to approve the October 26, 2023 minutes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**Motion by L. Ockman and seconded by M. Harder to amend item 3 to read “Food Waste Diversion and Nickel Nip Funding”. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**3. Food Waste Diversion (CET) and Nickel Nip Funding**

The Committee discussed next steps in food waste diversion efforts. M. Harder indicated two main areas of focus. The first is commercial/institutional food waste generators, such as businesses. The second is residential generators, or households. The Committee discussed the benefits of targeting both areas, but agreed engaging large generators, with the assistance of CET, would be easier to implement initially. Residential waste diversion options were also discussed, including contracting with vendors such as Blue Earth, and subsidizing backyard composting. Food waste collection bins at the transfer station were also discussed, though K. Hershey noted known space issues. The Committee agreed to assemble a list of large food waste contributors and associated contact information. M. Harder will engage CET in discussions about funding for those large generators, and what implementation would look like. K. Hershey suggested exploring residential options as well, particularly conversations with Blue Earth. L. Ockman will create a brief Facebook survey to gauge interest in residential food waste diversion options.

There was discussion on allocation of Nickel Nip funds. L. Ockman noted previous conversations where an equal split of funds between three areas, including AHM, was agreed upon. Committee members agreed to that allocation for first-year funds, which amount to \$4,552.88 for each area. Several members expressed hesitation at assigning a fixed allocation going forward, and agreed to revisit the topic of future allocations at a later meeting.

**Motion by L. Ockman and seconded by M. Harder to cut a check to AHM in the amount of \$4,552.88, allocated from our 2022 Nickel Nip payment of \$13,658.65, to be processed**

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through Elaine Griffin, per their proposal approved by the Board of Selectmen on November 16. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

**4. ARPA Funds**

K. Hershey reported she is continuing to work with A. Tierney on bike racks, and Gordie regarding signage at the transfer station. The Committee discussed the need for new Shred Event signs, as well as others, and agreed to discuss further at January's meeting.

**5. Swap Shack Closing**

K. Hershey noted the Shack typically closes the weekend prior to Christmas.

**Motion by M. Harder and seconded by L. Ockman to approve December 17<sup>th</sup> as the final day of the Swap Shack season. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**6. Colebrook**

K. Hershey stated J. Matra wished to discuss this item, and suggested tabling it.

**Motion by L. Ockman and seconded by M. Harder to table Colebrook until the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**7. St. Pete's Storage**

K. Hershey reported the Committee was offered the use of an old shed on the St. Peter's field property, next to the new TTCP storage shed.

**Motion by M. Harder and seconded by J. Esposito to accept use of the shed on the St. Peter's property. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**Motion by L. Ockman and seconded by M. Harder to move item 9 (2024 Calendar Approval) up in to number 8. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**8. 2024 Calendar Approval**

Proposed meeting dates:

January 25, 2024  
February 22, 2024  
March 28, 2024  
April 25, 2024  
May 23, 2024  
June 27, 2024

July 25, 2024  
August 22, 2024  
September 26, 2024  
October 24, 2024  
December 5, 2024  
January 23, 2025

**Motion by L. Ockman and seconded by M. Harder to approve the 2024 calendar. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

M. Harder left the meeting.

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**9. New Members**

K. Hershey noted the need for more Green Committee members. Outreach efforts such as social media were discussed. B. Barlow's change from an alternate to full Committee member was discussed as well.

**10. Other Business**

K. Hershey stated she will publicize the closing of the Swap Shack. Disposal of items from the Swap Shack was discussed. L. Ockman inquired about a year-end Swap Shack report. K. Hershey suggested soliciting feedback from transfer station employees regarding the Shack's operation, and noted previous reports had been generated for the BoS. Swap Shack hours and staffing were discussed.

The next meeting will be January 25, 2024.

**11. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn by L. Ockman and seconded by B. Barlow. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hannah Walcott (Board Clerk)