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Green Committee

Special Meeting

February 22, 2024

7:00 P.M.

Video Conference Call

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: January 25, 2024
3. Food Waste Diversion
4. Grant Funds (ARPA/Nickel Nip)
5. Earth Day
6. Green Leaf Schools Update
7. Shred Event
8. Colebrook
9. New Members
10. Other Business
11. Adjournment

**TOWN OF HEBRON
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Regular Meeting (Virtual)
Thursday, January 25, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

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ATTENDENCE:

Members Present: Kaitlin Hershey, Mike Harder, Lindsay Ockman, John Matra, Josh Esposito

Guests: Paul Forrest (Director of Public Works)

1. Call to Order

Chair K. Hershey called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. December 7, 2023 – Regular Meeting

Motion by M. Harder and seconded by L. Ockman to approve the December 7 meeting minutes. The motion passed (4-0, with J. Matra abstaining).

3. Food Waste Diversion

Initial efforts will focus on larger, commercial food waste generators, with residential programs intended to follow. There was discussion on engaging the schools, with some members suggesting they be included in initial outreach. Connecting local businesses with CET and Blue Earth was discussed as a first step, perhaps by coordinating a virtual information session. A survey gauging residential interest in food waste diversion will be sent after review by Committee members. K. Hershey suggested a flyer or postcard briefly describing programs and information session details be dropped off at local businesses. There was also discussion on terminology. The Committee discussed using social media as well, including a possible Facebook event.

4. Grant Funds (ARPA/Nickel Nip)

Transfer station signage and bike racks are the two remaining Green Committee ARPA projects. K. Hershey reported no update on signage, but said purchase of silver bike racks for the parks, as well as a black rack for Town Hall, is forthcoming. Potential locations at Town Hall are under discussion with the Town Planner and Planning and Zoning.

Members agreed an in-person delivery of a check was preferable to mailing Nickel Nip funds to AHM. L. Ockman will reach out to AHM to schedule. There was discussion on future use of Nip funds, including assistance to the DPW, as well as Earth Day events.

K. Hershey requested M. Harder create a list of signs needed, particularly related to Shred Events and those for the transfer station.

L. Ockman and K. Hershey reported on a grant from the Audubon Society aimed at pollinator-friendly plantings. L. Ockman asked the Committee to give any input they may have as she gathers information to apply.

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Motion by L. Ockman and seconded by J. Esposito to apply for the Hartford Audubon Society mini-grant. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

5. Maple Fest

Windham Chamber of Commerce is no longer responsible for organizing Maple Fest, scheduled for March 16 and 17 of this year. Per K. Hershey, TTCP has asked if the Green Committee is interested in participating as a vendor. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to decline, but will explore purchasing an ad at the event.

Motion by J. Matra and seconded by L. Ockman to spend up to \$100 for an ad in the Hebron Maple Fest brochure. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

6. Green Leaf Schools

L. Ockman outlined the Green Leaf Schools program, which focuses on environmental education and initiatives across several areas within schools. She would like to discuss joining the program with the Superintendent, and noted there was no cost or obligation to sign up. Participation would open future grant opportunities.

Motion by L. Ockman and seconded by M. Harder to support the Green Leaf School initiative in Hebron, with a focus on food waste diversion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

7. Colebrook

There was discussion on increased outreach at Colebrook, including engagement of residents in Committee initiatives, and recruitment of members. J. Matra will talk with Colebrook representatives. A possible Earth Day-related event at Colebrook was suggested.

8. New Members

Outreach for new members is ongoing.

9. Other Business

A. Payment of Squarespace Site

Motion by L. Ockman and seconded by J. Matra to approve payment for the Squarespace site (hebrongoesgreen.com). The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

B. Hybrid Meetings

There was brief discussion on hybrid meetings, or a return to in-person meetings, perhaps in the spring.

C. POCD Updates

K. Hershey reviewed suggested updates to the Plan of Conservation and Development related to the Swap Shack, and asked members to provide feedback. Following discussion, an amendment to the text noting Swap Shack hours are accurate “as of this printing” was agreed upon.

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Motion by M. Harder and seconded by J. Matra to approve the text as amended. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

10. Adjournment

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, February 22 at 7 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by J. Matra and seconded by M. Harder. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah Walcott (Board Clerk)