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**Green Committee
Regular Meeting
March 28, 2024
7:00 P.M.
Video Conference Call**

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: February 22, 2024
3. Recycling Rates
4. Food Waste Diversion
5. Grant Funds (ARPA/Nickel Nip)
6. Earth Day
7. New Members
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

**TOWN OF HEBRON
GREEN COMMITTEE
Special Meeting (Virtual)
Thursday, February 22, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

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ATTENDENCE:

Members Present: Kaitlin Hershey, Lindsay Ockman, Brian Barlow

Guests: Paul Forrest (Director of Public Works), Nicholas DiVito (CET)

1. Call to Order

Chair K. Hershey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. January 25, 2024 – Regular Meeting

Tabled due to lack of quorum.

3. Food Waste Diversion

N. DiVito advised the Committee to select a date for information sessions and site visits with local entities, and stated CET could assist with marketing. The earliest they could begin would be April. He also noted USDA grant funding closes in September. There was discussion on in-person versus virtual sessions. N. DiVito noted one-on-one site visits are typically more effective, and generally last 30 to 60 minutes. Committee members will continue outreach to potential participants, select a date, and collect sign-up information for sessions. There was discussion on implementation in schools, as well as coordination with Blue Earth. Following a question from K. Hershey, it was confirmed that Hebron does not have to apply for the USDA grant, which has been awarded to CET. CET's generation of marketing materials will be funded by that grant.

4. Grant Funds (ARPA/Nickel Nip)

K. Hershey noted roughly \$4,000 in available Nip funds, and discussed how to use those funds in food waste diversion initiatives. ARPA projects including signs at the transfer station and bike rack purchases are ongoing. There was brief discussion on long-term plans for Nip funds, including P. Forrest's ideas for the DPW and transfer station.

5. Earth Day

Events, including with the Pollinator group and Swap Shack reopening, are scheduled for April 20 and 21. There was discussion on coordinating Earth Day with other town entities, as well as roadside cleanup events that weekend. K. Hershey requested a dumpster at Town Hall from Friday afternoon, to be picked up Monday morning, and will check with A. Tierney. L. Ockman will be at the AHM booth with Michelle from the Pollinators during Maple Fest as well.

6. Green Leaf Schools

L. Ockman noted a meeting scheduled for April 17 at 3:30 at Gilead.

7. Shred Event

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This event is typically held in November, but was cancelled last year due to weather. There was previous discussion on rescheduling this spring, but K. Hershey noted the many events already scheduled. It will likely be held in November as usual.

8. Colebrook

K. Hershey will reach out her contact at Colebrook to gauge interest in the Committee's involvement.

9. New Members

Outreach is ongoing. Avenues for soliciting new members, including via contacts at the transfer station, the Town's weekly management report, and items in the Rivereast, were discussed.

10. Other Business

K. Hershey reported communication from a gentleman connected to AHM, expressing their desire for the Green Committee to produce something related to recycling for Maple Fest. She noted the Committee's previous vote to skip participating in the event this year.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah Walcott (Board Clerk)