

Green Committee

Special Meeting

February 27th, 2025

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1. Call to Order Special Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes from 1/23/25
3. General Discussion with Potential New Members (if present)
4. Future of the Green Committee
5. Adjourn

**TOWN OF HEBRON
GREEN COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
Thursday, January 23, 2025 - 7:00 PM**

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ATTENDANCE:

Members (Present): Kaitlin Hershey, Mike Harder, Lindsay Ockman, Josh Esposito, Brian Barlow (arrived at 7:47 p.m.)

Staff: Paul Forrest (DPW Director)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes: October 24, 2024

Motion by M. Harder and seconded by L. Ockman to approve the minutes of October 24th. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

3. Shred Event

M. Harder will forward numbers from last year's event to HGC members, noting an estimated 5,500 pounds of paper was shredded. (*J. Esposito left.*) It was reiterated that billing for the event should be directed to the Town's Finance department.

4. Food Waste Diversion

M. Harder reported on correspondence with Nick from CET indicating an upcoming meeting with school representatives. Discussions with Ted's, Colebrook Village, and Blackledge are also ongoing. There was debate on incentives offered to waste generators for engaging in food waste diversion programs. It was agreed the Committee will offer to cover 100% of removal fees for the first month, 50% for the following five (5) months, and 25% for the following six (6) months.

5. Grant Funds (Nickel Nip)

L. Ockman stated she has been working with Tammy in Finance to clarify the Committee's available funds, and have reconciled to a balance of \$36,000, with about \$2,000 still in question. The balances of the Committee's "buckets" are as follows:

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| Food Waste Diversion _____ | \$14,325 |
| AHM _____ | \$ 9,773 |
| Long-Term Community Projects _____ | \$11,902 |

There was further discussion on food waste diversion, with L. Ockman noting multiple payers and changing payment percentages would present administrative difficulties. She suggested the Committee consider covering costs via a lump sum payment. Members debated shortening the trial period to six (6) months, which led to discussion on publicizing the Shred Event and food diversion efforts. (*B. Barlow arrived at 7:47 p.m.*)

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Motion by L. Ockman and seconded by M. Harder to fund the AHM Nickel Nip program proposal in the amount of \$9,773.05. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

There was additional discussion on food waste diversion, including estimated costs. It was tentatively agreed to offer to cover \$1,050 for the first six months for the four generators discussed previously (\$300 for the first month, and \$150 for the following five months), to possibly be extended a further six months.

Motion by M. Harder and seconded by B. Barlow to approve covering \$300 for the first month and \$150 for the following five months for food waste diversion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

6. Other Business

K. Hershey stated her intent to resign from the Committee following tonight's meeting. There was discussion on the future of the Committee, and ongoing difficulty in recruiting new members.

7. Adjournment

Motion by B. Barlow and seconded by M. Harder to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah Walcott (Board Clerk)