

Lee Greener Gateway Committee
Monday April 10, 2023 - 3:30 PM – Tri-Town Health Department Conference Room
MEETING AGENDA

I. Call to order:

II. Roll Call:

Members:

Present

Not present

Joan Angelo

Valerie Bluhm

Peter Hofman

Patricia Johnston

Catherine Laird

Katherine Miller

Chris Schwarz (sworn in?)

Jim Schwarz (sworn in?)

Invited guest: Uli Nagel

III. Approval of minutes from the March 13 and March 29 2023 meetings

IV. Old Business

- a. Conflict of Interest certification status of members
- b. Priority updates:
 - i. Monthly cleanups: RSVP follow up; March cleanup; survey of litter between Prospect Street and the river; planning for the annual cleanup/Earth Day event
 - ii. Big Y initiative: update – next steps/priorities
 - iii. Community dinners composting – status, decision re coverage, possible schedule
- c. Use of budget and RDP grant funds: further discussion of possible initiatives re food waste reduction; proper recycling; other issues – suggestions from DEP's Western Mass MAC and here are Joan's recent suggestions – please consider them before our meeting:
 - i. Under the heading of schools, we could help Paula with garden maintenance and onsite composting. Would it be possible to start collecting compost from the cafeteria?
 - ii. I wonder if we provided compost collecting containers for our local restaurants would that be something Mary Stucklen or Eric from CANNA would be interested in collecting.
 - iii. Is there a place in town where we have a problem with people dumping garbage? There is provision for security cameras.
 - iv. Water bottles, since we have the refill stations, could we figure out a way to encourage people to use them. Maybe during farmers market in the summer we could sell them at a discount rate. I don't think give aways work because then the item has little or no value.
- d. Community garden update

V. New Business

- a. Report on Community Action Works' webinar "How to build a successful local campaign"
- b. Review possible additions to website links:
 - i. <https://www.jomashop.com/blog/articles/guide-to-green-shopping> - from teacher/student at StudyMap.org (final decision needed).
 - ii. <https://www.brookfieldresidential.com/news-and-blog/5-ways-to-go-green-at-home>
- c. Pending legislation – PaintCare (see separate email), bottle and extended producer responsibility bills, and more – how involved do we get?
- d. Committee operations – sharing the load

VI. Any other topic the Chair could not reasonably anticipate

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