

Lee Greener Gateway Committee
Monday May 8, 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		
Jim Schwarz		
Invited guest: Uli Nagel		

III. Approval of minutes from the April 10 2023 meetings

IV. Old Business

a. Priority updates:

- i. Annual cleanup and mini-Earth Day celebration debrief
- ii. Future of monthly cleanups and possible expanded scope to include invasives and vines
- iii. Big Y initiative: update – next steps/priorities
- iv. Community dinners composting – May 3rd dinner, members attending May 17th dinner – final one of the season
- v. Community Garden and pollinator pathway
- vi. Cool Communities Program
- vii. New storage space
- viii. Joan's letter to BRPC
- ix. Textile recycling commentary for the Berkshire Edge

b. Use of budget and RDP grant funds (Note: grant application due June 15th): 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.

c. Discussion re eliminating all but non-profit and government links from our section of the Town's website. Just in case, decision needed on <https://www.comparethemarket.com/home-insurance/content/sustainable-household-cleaning/>

d. Committee operations – sharing the load

V. New Business

- a. Zero waste station(s) at Toole's post Memorial Day parade bar-be-cue
- b. Publicizing mattress recycling
- c. NLR contact – additional recycling possibility

VI. Any other topic the Chair could not reasonably anticipate

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