

Lee Greener Gateway Committee
Monday June 12, 2023 - 3:30 PM – Tri-Town Health Department Conference Room
MEETING AGENDA

I. Call to order:

II. Roll Call:

Members:	Present	Not present
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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 March 8 2023 meetings

IV. Old Business

a. Priority updates:

- i. Cleanup/work day – recap and future planning
- ii. Zero waste station at Toole's Memorial Day bar-be-cue
- iii. Big Y initiative
- iv. Community dinners composting – do we have any pictures of the setup? Plans going forward
- v. Community Garden and pollinator pathway
- vi. Cool Communities Program
- vii. New storage space
- viii. BRPC follow up
- ix. Textile and mattress recycling

b. RDP program – application status, missed/new opportunities, revelations, and use of grant funds
(Note: grant application due June 14th): food waste reduction; composting education, 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. Website update – deleted links and more

d. Team organization/sharing the load

V. New Business

- a. Paint and mattress recycling public forum July 12th - Berkshire Innovation Center
- b. Mass Zero Waste initiative to meet or zoom with legislator seeking support for a modernized Bottle Bill, a strong EPR for packaging bill, banning plastic grocery bags, and banning Chemical/Advanced Recycling of plastic.

VI. Any other topic the Chair could not reasonably anticipate


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