Lee Greener Gateway Committee Monday, December 9 2019, 4:00 PM - Tri-Town Health Department AGENDA

I. Call to order:

II. Roll Call:

Member:

Present

Not present

Joan Angelo

Valerie Bluhm

Linda Giancola

Ron Giancola

Peter Hofman

Phyllis Hofman

Monica Ryan

Ann Sterlin

Guests: Stephanie Blumenthal

Mary Stucklen

III. Approve Minutes: November 18, 2019

IV. Old Business

- 1. Keeping Lee clean: report on November monthly cleanup; continued brainstorming ideas to address chronic litter problems downtown. Update on Earth Day Network, Great Global Cleanup Partnership Agreement.
- 2. Update on other target priorities/activities
 - Zero-waste efforts: addressing restaurant sustainability; spreading the word (poster Ginny found)
 - School outreach: report Lee Middle/High School Environmental Club meetings
 - Energy: Nothing to report
 - Founders Weekend: Nothing to report
 - Volunteerism: Updated flyer and discussion of a possible volunteer fair
 - Plastic straws: Discussion re purchase/distribution of "strawless" stickers.
 - Water refilling station: Nothing to report
 - Inclusiveness initiative:
 - Tool library: Nothing to report
- 3. Green Holidays promotion update
- 4. Local Environmental Action conference March 7, 2020
- 5. Conferring Member Emeritus status on Monica Ryan
- 6. Budget and funding status: Nothing new to report
- 7. Website update: Review of recent additions and identification of others
- 8. Local publicity re local issues and our activities:

V. New Business

- 1. Berkshire Center for Justice plastic reduction initiative
- 2. Invite Kelly Rose O'Gorman (student who lives in Lee spoke at the Statehouse in favor of Smitty's HR 4084 re plastic straws) to a meeting
- 3. Compostables issue how to get them to Meadow Farm
- 4. Issues around town
- 5. Updates from near and far re issues of concern
- VI. Any other topic the Chair could not reasonably anticipate

