Lee Greener Gateway Committee Monday, January 13 2020, 4:00 PM - Tri-Town Health Department AGENDA

I. Call to order:

II. Roll Call:

Members:

Present

Not present

Joan Angelo Valerie Bluhm

Linda Giancola

Ron Giancola

Peter Hofman

Phyllis Hofman

Monica Ryan

Ann Sterlin

Guests: Stephanie Blumenthal

III. Approve Minutes: December 9, 2019

IV. Old Business

- 1. Keeping Lee clean: report on December 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); Joan's New Year's Day efforts
 - School/student outreach: follow up re inviting Kelly Rose O'Gorman to a meeting; Environmental Club meeting; conversation with Ryan Clemo
 - Energy: Nothing to report
 - Founders Weekend: Nothing to report
 - Volunteerism: Activities to increase volunteerism
 - Plastic straws:
 - Water refilling station: Nothing to report
 - Inclusiveness initiative: Peter's meeting with Lee Council on Aging Director and phone conversation with Lee Housing Authority Director; Lee Youth Commission's possible interest in a community garden
 - Tool library: Should we raise this now?
- 3. Green Holidays promotion update: Lee Lion's Club doing a greens pick-up January 11 with Boy Scouts greens going to Monte Vista Farm (in Lee)
- 4. Compostables issues Wednesday Church dinners and more
- 5. Follow up with the Berkshire Center for Justice plastic reduction initiative
- 6. Conference reminders: Local Environmental Action and Citizens Climate Lobby March 7, 2020; Peter participating in NEGEF Equity in Participation Community of Practice
- 7. Conferring Member Emeritus status on Monica Ryan update
- 8. Budget and funding status: Update
- 9. Website update: Review of recent additions and identification of others
- 10. Local publicity re local issues and our activities:

V. New Business

- 1. Confirmation of Earth Expo participation (April Berkshire Museum)
- 2. Issues around town
- 3. Updates from near and far re issues of concern
- VI. Any other topic the Chair could not reasonably anticipate