Lee Greener Gateway Committee Monday April 15 2024 - 3:30 PM - Tri-Town Health Department Conference Room MEETING AGENDA

I. Call to order:

II. Roll Call:

Members:

Present

Joan Angelo

Valerie Bluhm

Peter Hofman

Trish Johnston

Catherine Laird

Katherine Miller Chris Schwarz

Jim Schwarz

Pat Simpson (official yet????)

Invited guest: Uli Nagel

III. Approval of minutes from the March 11, 2023 meeting (THANK YOU, Katherine!)

IV. Old Business

- a. Service/Learning days: finalize April learning day promotion and logistics; agree on Earth Day activity/ies, logistics, food solicitation, assignments
- b. Cool Communities Program update: planning for June 8 event
- c. Founders Weekend '24
- d. Big Y update
- e. Priorities/Plans for the rest of the fiscal year (through June 30 2024) and beyond: review revised spreadsheet.
- f. RDP grant application activities: guides for the schools; A-Frame signs; community board signs; textile collection June 8th; more....
- g. Liberty Tree Project
- h. FY24 budget expenditures: tools, A-frames; bins and signs for food waste collection at Meadow Farm; more

V. **New Business**

- a. MADEP micro grant opportunity: create a swap shot in Lee
- b. Oceana released on April 4th a new report "Amazon's United States of Plastic" https://oceana.org/wpcontent/uploads/sites/18/2024/04/Amazons-United-States-of-Plastic-Oceana-Report-April-2024 reducedsize.pdf. The press release is here https://oceana.org/press-releases/united-states-of- plastic-amazons-plastic-packaging-waste-in-us-up-9-6-to-208-million-pounds-in-2022/>.
- c. BEAT event: Wednesday, April 17th, 2024 Pittsfield Library (downstairs meeting room) 6-8 pm
- d. Jennifer Wisdom silver street inquiry leaves and Meadow Farm compost collection
- VI. Any other topic the Chair could not reasonably anticipate