

Green Team Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2022

Attendees:

Sue Alexander
Linda Draper
Madeleine Blake
Valerie Beaudin
Joan Martin
Paul Lucas
Michael Pardieck
Jan Ruttkay

Meeting came to order at 6:30

Next meeting scheduled for April 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm Pavilions weather permitting; If rain -Town Hall Conference room

Upcoming Community Events:

- Green Team Meeting – April 28
- Cleanup of Town Hall area prior to Nancy Fuerle dedication – April 28 4:30
- Dedication of Town Hall Buffer Garden in honor of Nancy Fuerle – April 29
- Spring Clean Up The Town – April 30
- Health & Wellness Fair – May 14
- Paddle & Pathway Pickup – October 1
- Late winter educational talk with Erica Love, NECC

Bayfront Park

- No current discussion.

Spring Cleanup the Town: April 30th 9:00-12:00

- Request town acquire (purchase) and/or provide
 - o 10-15 of the following: gloves, garbage grabbers, safety vests
 - o Bags, hand sanitizer (a larger one, not the small individual use ones)
 - o Flyer advertising the event for the Town Website and in .pdf (or printable form) for distribution at the library, Rolands, Chesapeake Spa & Resort, so forth
 - o A map of areas in town identified by Public Works during their day-to-day work activities that could do with some litter collection.

- Paul will inquire if the Chesapeake Beach Spa and Resort would like to schedule their town clean up day at the same time.

Signage

- Prepare/install signage for the 17th street garden. Primary sign to note it is a Green Committee garden and additional signs to identify plants. Working with Holly, create a short video for the Town Website describing the use of natives in the 17th street garden.

Pollinator Gardens:

- No current discussion

Education and Outreach

- Bee Talk – program was considered a success with 60 attendees and lots of engagement
- NECC would like to support more workshops of this caliber. They need 6 months to advertise.
- Health and Wellness Fair. Keith Pardieck is sponsoring Health and Wellness Fair on May 14th from 10-2. Linda, Sue and Kelly are organizing the table and raffle.

Storm Runoff Mitigation

- No current discussion

Tree City USA

- Budget line item for \$24K for Green Committee has been approved; \$17K for Tree City use and \$7K for other Green Committee requirements.
- Committee will look into getting a representative of another certified Tree City to come speak to us about best practices for applying for and on-going maintenance of Tree City designation – maybe a field trip to their town?
- Proclamation is being reviewed/prepared by Town Attorney
- Tree Ordinance will be presented to Town Council soon.
- Spring Cleanup will be Arbor Day celebration. Nancy Fuerle memorial dedication will occur on actual Arbor Day – April 29 – as additional Arbor Day celebration.
- Tree City Town Committee – recommended that members be comprised of Holly Wahl, Jay Berry, Chris Jakubiak, and two citizens (one being Green Team member)
- Continue to promote Tree City USA certification as part of the execution of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Tree City Requirements: [Tree City USA at arborday.org](https://arborday.org/tree-city-usa-requirements/)
- Requirements
 - o Maintaining a tree board / department
 - o Community Tree Ordinance
 - o \$2.00 per capita on urban forestry

- Celebrate Arbor Day

Other Issues

- Purple Martin House has been installed on boardwalk by Public Works.
- Spring Cleanup – April 29 – 9-Noon. Town will provide vests, trash bags, water and grabbers. Volunteers will need to bring gloves and hand sanitizers. Valerie will get map from Holly of town areas can be designated for cleanup. Committee members will conduct informal drive around town a few days before event to identify areas that need clean up.
- Valerie is working with town to get committee member name tags and t-shirts for use at events.
- Jan recommended town provide location for Community sponsored Agriculture (CSA) produce drop offs. Green Committee supports promoting this effort and other CSA projects.
- Michael Pardieck introduced the committee to a search engine called Ecosia. This engine, used in lieu of Google, Firefox or other commercial engine, donates profits to planting trees around the world.

Other Ongoing Ideas

- Work with Kellams Field Committee to contribute more rain gardens.
- Make eradication of Japanese Knotweed a priority
- Install a storage box at pollinator garden for green team supplies and equipment behind spigot – hose, pails, shovels, bags, etc.
- Continue clearing vines on Bayfront Park boardwalk and trail.
- Fall Paddle/Pickup recommended
- Suggestion made to have Liz Orlandi speak to the Comm about options for removal of English Ivy and Barberry invasives.
- Develop Comprehensive Fishing Creek Trail Maintenance Plan to present to town.
- Holly Wahl is researching cost of updating 2 signs on the boardwalk that misidentify bird/otter
- Ivy Cleanup Door Hangers – need to identify point of contact for citizens requesting help; mission will be to educate homeowners how and why to remove ivies from trees; possible have team go out and provide one-off lesson on “how to remove”. Sue will continue to work on design of hanger. Public Works can place the hangers once properties are identified.
- Submit recommendations for possible use of \$2.9M Covid Relief Funds to be granted to the town:
 - Knotweed removal/restoration
 - B St slope restoration/reinforcement
 - Goats to clear ivies at Bayfront Park
 - Beach replenishment at Bayfront Park
 - Terracing/rebuild of new B St Park Replace town parking lots with pervious materials
 - Purchase lands for future parks.

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