

Green Team Committee Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Attendees:

Valerie Beaudin

Madeleine Blake

Melanie Crowder

Linda Draper

Joanie Martin

Ken Rasmussen

Upcoming Community Events

- March 4 - Invasive Species talk at NECC, Saturday at 10:00. Volunteers asked to arrive by 9 for setup. Sue will play Emcee and Melanie will introduce the speaker. There will be two books to raffle off.
- It is recommended that the speaker talk for 2024 be moved to February as there are many conflicting events in early March.
- April 22 – Town Cleanup (Earth Day event). Volunteers will meet at the Pavilions at 10:00. Bags, gloves, grabbers and street vests will be provided. Sites to include Fishing Creek Trail, Kellams Field, area around Traders Restaurant, Cox Road, Seagate and Route 260 dependent on volunteer turnout.

Bayfront Park

- It is recommended that the Committee request permission from the town to plant beach grasses in the area where landscapers left debris on healthy plants.

Pollinator Garden and 17th St. Project

- Chesapeake Station HOA has asked if the committee can extend this garden up the hill to replace existing shrubs. See notice below about meeting with Holly for several committee issues.

Education and Outreach

- Guest speaker Kerri Wixted will speak on invasives Saturday, March 4 at NECC

Tree City USA

- The DNR tree inventory as started. The Committee will request that DNR present the final report in person to the Town Council to enforce the importance of this project.
- Melanie, Sue and Ken will meet with Holly to discuss several outstanding issues:
 - o Ordinance and 5 year plan response
 - o Use of Tree City money to remove and replace invasives around town hall
 - o Extending pollinator garden at 17th street
 - o Plant grasses at BFP to replace landscapers dump area

Other Items

- Street sweeping has begun
- Town Planning and Zoning has asked for Green Committee input on pocket parks planned for back entrance to Kellams, Baia lot
- Committee budget for 22-23 is \$6,100; Tree City Budget for Tree City is \$17,800; Committee budget for 23-24 is \$7,000.
- Future project includes updating GT website page

Next meeting is scheduled for March 22 at 6:30.

This meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm

The next meeting of the Green Team Committee will be at 6:30pm on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at the Town Hall