

ENVIRONMENTAL, CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Town Hall Conference Room 201

August 8, 2023 – 6:30 PM

- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Smitherman called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. In attendance were Kay Smitherman, Chelsea Blount, Brittany Burke, Henry Fasler, Barbara Hudgens, Gretchen Roberts, Robert Smitherman and Town Manager James Ayers. Alex Branower, Jennifer Haydon, Melody Joyner, Jonathan Linck, and Emily Price were absent.
- II. **Agenda Approval** – Brittany Burke moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Barbara Hudgens and motion approved unanimously.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Barbara Hudgens moved to approve the June 13, 2023 minutes with the addition of Gretchen Roberts to the Call to Order. The motion was seconded by Gretchen Roberts and motion approved unanimously.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - a. Leaf and limb service – Based on direction of the committee’s plan of work, Mrs. Smitherman noted that she contacted a couple of municipalities about their leaf and limb service. She shared that a leaf truck could cost \$275,000 and a limb (knuckle boom) truck could cost \$225,000. Mrs. Smitherman noted the committee should look at all options and inquire about environmental impacts of the trucks. It was noted that if leaf and limb service is provided then open burning is not allowed. No burning could be problematic to residents with acreage. Manager Ayers noted this was discussed by Council at their Council Retreat in January and Council tabled their discussion. He noted that Mrs. Smitherman was correct that open burning would be prohibited if leaf and limb service is provided per the Administrative Fire Code. Manager Ayers noted Council will discuss this again at their next Council Retreat. He shared his appreciation for Mrs. Smitherman’s due diligence.
 - b. School outreach – Once school resumes, Mrs. Roberts will communicate with the school about potential recycling opportunities.
 - c. Terracycle update – Mrs. Hudgens updated the committee on recent Terracycle shipments. She noted that points are given for the submittals which in turn is given as a monetary donation to Lewisville Elementary School.
- V. **New Business**
 - a. Clean Sweep – The Beautification Committee has requested this committee to assist with Clean Sweep as volunteers and in spreading the word. The event will be October 21 at 9 AM. Participants 16 and older will meet at the Town Hall Annex that morning. Assignments will be given at that time. It was suggested that feed bags could be used to collect the debris, which would be more environmental friendly.
 - b. October Special Recycling event – The special recycling event will be October 28 at Shallowford Square. Mrs. Smitherman asked that since the Town newsletter has been coming out prior to the beginning of a month, if an event reminder could be placed in the November/December newsletter.
- VI. **Clerk Report** – None

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VII. For the Good of the Order

- a. Mrs. Smitherman inquired about the distribution time of the annual community event calendar. Manager Ayers stated the calendar is typically released each spring. Staff has discussed adding the Earth Day and National Night Out events to the 2024 calendar.
- b. Manager Ayers will communicate with the Lewisville-Clemmons Chamber of Commerce on their 2024 Clemmons Community Day to ensure the Earth Day event is not the same day.
- c. Mrs. Blount inquired if the Town has environmental ordinances. Manager Ayers noted ordinances like that can be problematic due to general statutes. The Town's Comprehensive Plan encourages sustainability strategies for the Town and residents. The committee's focus right now is the clean energy goal adopted by the Council. The Town is demonstrating this goal with solar panels at MAWCC, EV charging stations at Shallowford Square, and the upcoming purchase of a plug-in hybrid. The Town has no environmental incentives for developers.
- d. Next regularly scheduled meeting: **September 12, 2023**

VIII. Adjournment – Having no further business to discuss, Barbara Hudgens moved to adjourn at 7:07 PM. The motion was seconded by Chelsea Blount and motion approved unanimously.

ATTEST:

Kay Smitherman, Chair

Dora K. Moore, Town Clerk