

ENVIRONMENTAL, CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Town Hall Conference Room 201

November 14, 2023 – 6:30 PM

- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Smitherman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance were Kay Smitherman, Chelsea Blount, Brittany Burke, Henry Fasler, Jennifer Haydon, Barbara Hudgens, Robert Smitherman, Town Manager James Ayers, and Public Works Director Jon Hanna. Alex Branower, Melody Joyner, Jonathan Linck, Emily Price, and Gretchen Roberts were absent.
- II. **Agenda Approval** – Chelsea Blount moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Robert Smitherman and motion approved unanimously.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Brittany Burke moved to approve the October 10, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Chelsea Blount and motion approved unanimously.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - a. Clean Sweep – Fifteen volunteers collected twenty-five bags of trash as well as a chair and car parts.
 - b. October Special Recycling event – October 28 – The Special Recycling event was a success. Mr. Hanna reported that after the event, the Town learned from the Town’s risk management insurance carrier that the Town cannot collect fluorescent bulbs because it would deem the Town as a hazardous waste facility. With this in mind, the bulbs cannot be collected at future events. With this event, Mr. Hanna disposed of the bulbs at Batteries Plus. Due to this, Mr. Hanna is inquiring if Batteries Plus would 1) like to participate in Earth Day to share what services they offer; and, 2) if they would be willing to collect the bulbs and batteries at the Town’s recycling events. Mr. Hanna will follow up with committee. Mr. Hanna thanked Mr. Fasler for his assistance with disposing of items at the proper locations.
 - c. “Only Rain Down the Drain” – Mr. Hanna shared a list of areas that need stickers. He noted a lot of these are remarking in addition to initial marking. The Town will provide all the materials. The committee meet at the Annex on December 8 at 2 PM to begin placing stickers at these locations.
- V. **New Business**
 - a. 2024 Meeting Schedule – Committee consensus was that 6 PM for their committee meetings was good. Manager Ayers noted that Council will take official action in December and Mrs. Moore will share with the committee what is approved by Council.
 - b. January/February 2024 newsletter topic – Committee members were encouraged to share ideas for newsletter articles.
 - c. 2024 Earth Day – Mrs. Smitherman inquired about food trucks and the committee will ask some that they know.
- VI. **Staff Reports**
 - a. Solid Waste and Recycling contract – Mr. Hanna shared that the Town has begun the process of requesting proposals for solid waste and recycling. This has been done in conjunction with Clemmons and Bermuda Run. This would be a five-year contract.
 - b. Resolution 2021051 – Supporting Clean Energy – A revised resolution changing the word ‘commits’ to ‘strive’ was approved by Council on November 9. Resolution 2023-051 is the new number. The subcommittee will meet
 - c. Holiday Open House – December 1, 5-6:30 PM, MAWCC
 - d. Christmas Tree Lighting – December 1, 6:30 PM, Shallowford Square
 - e. *The Santa Clause* Christmas movie – December 8, 7 PM, MAWCC (pre-registration encouraged)

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- f. Christmas Parade – December 10, 3 PM
- g. Cardboard recycling will be at Lewisville Elementary School December 21, 2023 through January 2, 2024.
- h. E-Cycle – January 13, 2023
- i. Earth Day – April 13, 2024
- j. Spring Bulky Service – April 15, 2024

VII. For the Good of the Order

- a. The committee will not have a regular meeting on December 12, 2023 but will have a potluck Christmas social at 6 PM at Jennifer Haydon’s home.

VIII. Adjournment – Having no further business to discuss, Chelsea Blount moved to adjourn at 7:20 PM. The motion was seconded by Barbara Hudgens and motion approved unanimously.

ATTEST:

Kay Smitherman, Chair

Dora K. Moore, Town Clerk