

ENVIRONMENTAL, CONSERVATION & SUSTAINIBILITY COMMITTEE Town Hall Conference Room 201 August 13, 2024 – 6:00 PM

- I. **Call to Order** Chair Smitherman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. In attendance were Kay Smitherman, Chelsea Blount, Henry Fansler, Jennifer Haydon, Barbara Hudgens, Gretchen Roberts, Kenneth Scales, Robert Smitherman and Public Works Director Jon Hanna.
- II. Agenda Approval Chelsea Blount moved to approve the agenda amended to add discussion of October 26 Special Recycling event. Motion was seconded by Jennifer Haydon and approved unanimously.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** Gretchen Roberts moved to approve the June 11, 2024 minutes. Motion was seconded by Barbara Hudgens and approved unanimously.

IV. Old Business

- a. <u>Fall Clean Sweep (collaboration with Beautification Committee)</u> Fall Clean Sweep is September 14, 9 AM-Noon. All volunteers will meet at the Town Hall annex and must complete a waiver. Waivers also must be signed by a parent/guardian of minors. Committee members shared if they will participate in the event.
- b. <u>Special Recycling event</u> The fall special recycling event is October 26 at Shallowford Square. Due to contamination, Whole Foods will no longer accept plastic or cork. The committee will try to determine another resource. Some discussion was held on whether Unifi or DART would accept recyclables and if they do, would they be willing to collect items at special recycling events. DART will also be invited to attend the Earth Day event in April.

V. New Business

a. <u>Toy swap</u> – The committee had originally discussed holding a toy swap in conjunction with the Jack Warren Park improvements dedication ceremony. With the dedication event being delayed until January 2025, the committee may add the swap to their Earth Day event. The idea of a seed or outdoor gear swap was also suggested. This will be discussed more at future meetings.

VI. Staff Reports

- a. Mr. Hanna shared information related to fiber installation in the community.
- b. The Parks & Recreation and Public Art committees will host a joint collaboration event on September 9, 6-8 pm, at Shallowford Square regarding playground relocation and art in the park.

VII. For the Good of the Order

- a. Next meeting: September 10, 2024
- b. Ms. Blount shared information from the Forsyth County Manager's recent listening session.
- c. Ms. Haydon requested rewilding be on the September agenda.
- d. Mr. Scales will share information with Ms. Smitherman about residential solar.



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VIII. **Adjournment** — Having no further business to discuss, Barbara Hudgens moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Gretchen Roberts and motion passed unanimously.