

# Clean & Green Commission

Monday, April 18, 2022 7pm

## Attendance

Commissioners: Dave Morin(Chair), Anika Matin(Vice Chair), Gabby Panayotakis

Others: Joe DeRisi, James Russell, Ryan Keeler(clerk)

## Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 7:10pm

## Minutes

Ms Matin motioned to approve the 3/21/22 minutes, Ms Panayotakis seconded. Minutes approved.

## Public Comments

Mr Russell introduced himself and expressed an interest in joining the commission.

## Recycling Coordinators Report

N/A

## New Business

Mr Morin will have seedlings in small Dixie Cups for the commission to give out on Earth Day. They were donated from Paradise Nurseries. Ms Panayotakis asked for detailed instructions for plant care so she can make handouts for the public. Mr DeRisi will check for available signage.

Ms Panayotakis made Google forms to have people sign-up for group clean ups or to express interest in joining the Clean & Green Commission. Mr DeRisi explained the process of having Public Works pick up bags from site clean ups.

Mr Morin would like having clean ups at least every month. The commission could hand out polls on Earth Day to gauge what days/times/locations might be best to hold clean ups. Mr DeRisi mentioned that there are groups in Hamden that do periodic clean ups in their neighborhoods.

Ms Panayotakis posited that the commission should schedule a clean up event in the coming weeks to advertise on Earth Day. Mr DeRisi clarified a bit about which areas the commission can hold cleanups and which areas may be outside of the commissions jurisdiction.

Mr Morin said that he has two suggestions for the Orchid Award; the tree commission and individuals who cleaned up Costanzo Park. Commissioners gave their thoughts on how the award should be presented. The Mayor should be informed of who the commission has selected. Commissioners unanimously voted to approve giving the Orchid Award to the individuals who cleaned up Costanzo Park.

Whitney Center and a Sacred Heart Club were planning to do cleanups on Earth Day. Volunteers will be doing a clean up at the end of the Earth Day event. Mr DeRisi elaborated on the history of Clean & Green doing scavenger hunts for kids on Earth Day. Clean & Green's table will be close to the entrance to facilitate the scavenger hunt.

### **Adjournment**

Ms Martin motioned to adjourn, Ms Panayotakis second. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.