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Minutes for May 5, 2015: Durham Public Library Activity Room at 7:00 PM

1. Visioning the Future Meeting: April 26
2. Durham Fair Compositing
3. Bike-Ped Plan
4. Municipal Assistance Program
5. New Member
6. Electric Car Charging Station
7. Miscellaneous Business

Attendance: Susan Michael, Thomas Kannam (Chair), Jennifer Huddleston, Paul Griese

Meeting started at 7:00 PM. Discussion proceeded in the following order:

1. Visioning the Future Meeting: April 26

Jen reported on the meeting that was moderated by a facilitator from Northampton, MA. Since there were many other activities that day, attendance from the community was not that high. In addition, since the group was broken up into several tables, it was hard to participate in more than one conversation. Interesting ideas that emerged were: community gardening, community composting and bike-ped paths.

2. Durham Fair Composting

Sue stated that she will need lots of help this year in executing the Durham Fair Composting project. Tom agreed to organize a team and contact community groups in need of service hours. Jen and Paul agreed to participate as well.

3. Bike-Ped Plan

With Hannah Bober's departure, CE&STF agreed to promote a Bike-Ped Plan with Rick Hanley from CT's Department of Transportation. Some activists attended the Visioning the Future Workshop which is a good sign.

4. Municipal Assistance Program

The Town Hall staff, including building official Richard McManus, are working on a municipal benchmarking program with the consultant from CL&P. It is a big project which will result in some reward points that can be used by the Town of Durham.

5. New Member

Since Hannah Bober has moved, the CE&STF is looking for a new member. Any addition to the group would have to proceed through the appropriate process.

6. Electric Car Charging Station

Since the Nissan's donated electric car charging station was lost to approval delays and the Town of Durham's Solarize earned station was lost due to BeFree Solar's sale of it, Sue suggested using Durham's Bright Ideas grant money to buy and install a station. Tom agreed to explore the possibility.

7. Miscellaneous Business

Sue suggested writing a letter to thank Marilyn for her service to CE&STF and the group enthusiastically endorsed the idea.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes: Thomas Kannam