

Hadley Climate Change Committee
Agenda
August 10, 2023, 7:00PM- Hadley Senior Center

Mission Statement:

- *Assemble and explain information regarding the Town's current ecological footprint.*
- *Assemble and explain information regarding potential actions the Town might take to reduce our ecological footprint.*
- *Help the town evaluate, choose, and implement actions that promote sustainable practices.*
- *Monitor changes in the Town's ecological footprint over time.*

Special Guests-

Chris Curtis- is a partner with the environmental consulting firm of Conservation Works, the MVP Coordinator for the Town of Deerfield and Vice President of the Deerfield River Watershed Association. He holds a master's degree in Regional Planning from the University of Massachusetts. He is retired from a long career as Chief Planner with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, where he developed the plans for the first National Wild and Scenic River in Massachusetts (the Westfield River), the first National Scenic Byway in Massachusetts (the Connecticut River Byway), and for the New England National Scenic Trail. He also secured over \$20 million for the clean-up of the Connecticut River; and won numerous state and national awards for planning.

Mike Spanknebel- Hadley Fire Chief / Emergency Management Director

Updates-

Green Communities- Update from Jack and Jane- Green Communities Planning Meeting and "Welcome to Green Communities" event on August 8.

Composting Grant- Update from Catalina & Kathy regarding that MA Cultural Council Grant. Maybe some pictures, too.

New Items-

Speaker's Series- planning ahead

Other Business

Student intern-Tasks to schedule, feedback, FYI- Three more "Keep Hadley Clean" signs have been hung up across town. (Mt Warner, Amherst town line on Meadow Street, and...)

Public Comment

Notes from last meeting- Taken from- <https://keith.seas.harvard.edu/chemtrails-conspiracy-theory>

There is No Evidence for the Existence of Chemtrails

Extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof. The claim that there is a large-scale secret program to spray materials from aircraft is extraordinary. Yet all the evidence we have seen to date has been very weak. The most common claim is simply that aircraft contrails look "different", without any comparative analysis. This as convincing as saying that alien beings walk among in disguise as people because some people act very strangely.

If there really were a large-scale program dumping material from aircraft at the scale described, there would have to be a large operating program to manufacture, load and disperse materials. If such a program existed at the scale required to explain the claimed amount of chemtrails, it would require thousands or perhaps tens of thousands of people. It would be extraordinarily hard to keep such a program secret because it would be so easy for a single individual in the program to reveal it using leaked documents, photographs or actual hardware.

Moreover, if such a program was intended to cause harm to their fellow citizens—as is alleged by people who believe in the chemtrails conspiracy—then people working in the program would have very strong personal motivations to reveal it.

We don't trust that governments will always do the right thing, but we do trust the goodwill of individuals who take risks to blow the whistle, exposing government misdeeds.

New Items: *Next meeting (September 14, 2023)*

New items not anticipated at time of posting (TBD)

Action items/Homework