

Hadley Climate Change Committee
Agenda
June 8, 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.*

Guests- Representative Mindy Domb-3rd Hampshire District. Ms Domb will share about HD 3596 “a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 470) relative to climate science education and establishing a climate science education trust fund.”

Review-

PaintCare- from Tom Irwin- “A lot has happened since I had the pleasure of meeting with you and your group. You’ll be pleased to know that Senator Comerford has signed on as a cosponsor. Several representatives (12) and (4) senators have become cosponsors of the Bill, which although modest is more support than the Bill has during the last session and it’s still quite early!. So far (3) newspapers in western Massachusetts have carried articles about the Bill and (4) and growing letters to the editor about the Bill have been published in eastern Massachusetts papers with letters to the editor soon to appear in western Massachusetts papers as well, which has resulted in increased “buzz” in the State House about the Bill. The first of 7 planned public forums across the state will occur in Pittsfield on July 12th (see attached) with the second occurring on or about August 23rd in Amherst at either UMass or Hampshire College with the goal of further increasing public awareness. These forums will feature national experts on paint and mattress recycling, a paint bill sponsor and the chair of the Massachusetts Product Stewardship Council. Hopefully, you and other interested members of your committee will be able to attend the Amherst forum! I think you will enjoy it. So, it’s all good and I think that we are truly moving forward toward our goal.”

Mara Shulman- Who would testify in support of her Plastic Bag Bill? Looking for written or public comment.

Nathan Curtis-

Details: Stop by Gardener’s Supply to recycle your plastic pots! All pots with a designation/symbol of #2 or #5 can be recycled. Any size, any color!

Pots must be separated into groups: #2 plastics in one group and #5 plastics in another. ALL POTS MUST be empty with no tags or trash, this means you need to shake or rinse the dirt out and remove all tags and staples.

Volunteer Registration: <https://bit.ly/PPTBDAY23>

Gardener’s Event Page: [Plastic Pot Recycling \(gardeners.com\)](https://www.gardeners.com/plastic-pot-recycling)

Updates-

Green Communities- Update from Jack- Still waiting on MA DOER for news, but a new MOU related Green work is moving forward.

Composting Grant- Update from Kathy regarding that MA Cultural Council Grant.

New Items-

Chris Curtis- Work in Deerfield

Other Business

Student intern–Tasks to schedule, feedback, FYI- Eight more Keep Hadley Clean signs are being created.

New Items: *Next meeting (July 13, 2023)*

New items not anticipated at time of posting (TBD)

Action items/Homework