

ACOTE Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, MARCH 31, 2015
5:30 pm; Hartford Public Library

Call to Order/Review Agenda at 5:45 pm by JoAnne Bauer, Co-Chair

Commissioners Present: JoAnne Bauer, June O'Neill, Bill Upholt, Russell Williams
Commissioners excused: Mark Mitchell
Commissioners absent: none

Staff: Thomas Stewart

Guests: David MacDonald; Terri Eikel

Public Comments: None

Guest Terri Eikel of Inter-Religious Eco-Justice Network discussed plans for the Hartford Earth Festival, May 31st. Special sponsors will be the Science Center and Special Olympics; the event will be coordinated with the CT Climate March. ACOTE will endorse the event & perhaps participate with Green Neighbors Tent, as last year.

Meeting Minutes for February 2015 accepted.

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS, as follows:

JoAnne Bauer, Chair
Bill Upholt, Co-Chair
June O'Neill, Secretary
Mark Mitchell, Treasurer

UPDATES

Membership: New Members Needed

Administrative: ACOTE apparently has a page on the DPW website (Hartford.gov/769-advisory-commission-on-the-environment). FaceBook page a possibility that JoAnne will discuss with David MacDonald.

Energy (Htfd Clean Energy Task Force) **ACOTE VOTE:** JoAnne to write letters to the Mayor's office on behalf of ACOTE, urging the City to adopt the recommendations of the Clean Energy Task Force and the Energy Improvement District (EID). She will discuss with Councilor MacDonald beforehand.

Clean Water Action Legislation: New resolution to protect waterways. Possibility of getting a guest speaker.

Legislative: JoAnne will invite Evan Preston of ConnPIRG to an upcoming ACOTE meeting for legislative agenda updates.

Other/New Business: none

Announcements: none

Meeting Adjourned at 7 pm.

Minutes submitted by JoAnne Bauer, with Notes from Thomas Stewart.

Next Meeting: APRIL 28th, 5:30 pm, Htfd Public Library