



Green Team Report to Town Council

Barbara Kete, Green Team Chair

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Grant Opportunities:

We are researching several grant opportunities related to encouraging community engagement and education, increasing the town's tree canopy, and natural resource stewardship. We discussed several ideas for using grant funding including door hangers notifying citizens of hazards of Japanese Barberry, advertising and support of plogging, purchasing public recycle bins, etc.

Outreach:

We decided against having a presence at the upcoming county Green Expo at Annemarie Gardens. Several team members stated that it was primarily a vendor event and previous participation by CBOCS had not been beneficial.

Future Project Ideas:

Barbara is in the process of interviewing town council members to solicit their ideas for beneficial Green Team projects. The team will maintain an Idea Bank to track project ideas submitted from any source.

We will be working with council members Keith Pardieck and Stewart Cumbo on obtaining a HEAL certification for the town.

Gardening Initiatives:

Melanie Crowder presented on the issue of Japanese Barberry bushes and their invasiveness in our community, a concern also expressed by Council Member Keith Pardieck. We plan on developing a long-term strategy for their and other non-native invasive plant eradication and replacement. Melanie will develop a list of replacement shrubs

The Garden Committee will be conducting a spring clean-up of the pollinator/mosquito gardens. Additional plants will be added and a request was made to have the town provide 4 bags of leaf grow.

The original buffer garden location has been determined to be unsuitable, and a new location has been identified at the back of the Kellam Field parking lot.

Upcoming Events:

Two Make Your Own Rain Barrel workshops will be held at Northeast Community Center on Sunday May 6th at 11:30 and 1:00. We are partnering with the North Beach Green Team on this initiative. Interested parties can register online.