

**Mayor's Task Force**  
On Litter Prevention, Recycling and the Environment  
Thursday Nov 9, 2023, Town Hall Building, 5:15 pm  
MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Corey Gooden

2. Karen Mastin, Alta LeCompte, April Lane, and Town Manager Corey Gooden were present, Susan Inglis and Roger Coleman joined by zoom, Steve Karl, Missy Schmieler, Chuck Schmieler, Larry McLaughlin, Trish Rand and David Herlong were absent.

3. The approval of the October minutes was postponed until December.

4. Recycling Updates:

The start date for recycling is Dec 6, and notices have been sent out via media outlets. Yard signs were installed at several key intersections. It was suggested to add a few more signs which included the collection dates for the next couple of months. It was also suggested that a town "all call" be done, and if there is money available a banner could be installed. Glass will not be added to the items collected and if glass is detected we will be charged a higher rate for processing.

Corey will ask about getting more stickers for the blue bin lids. Commercial businesses are on the same schedule as residential and will be added as soon as possible.

5. Litter Prevention and Cleanup:

The Community Litter Sweep held on Oct 14 was a success even with the rainy weather. The group discussed getting litter cleanup on the list of approved activities for community service hours. Corey will talk to Judge Harris regarding that. A date for the spring cleanup will be made either in Dec or Jan.

April Lane met with Lee Lokima at the town Library to discuss educating our youth about littering and recycling. See attached page.

6. Edenton Resilience Program:

The group discussed using the community action team to get funding from NC State for projects focusing on improving wetlands at discharge points on the east side of town. The next meeting for the Resilience Program is in January.

7. Old Business:

Chamber of Commerce Awards: The Mayor's Award for Environmental Responsibility. Corey and Roger will get the Council to create and acknowledge the award as the first step in the process. It needs to be coordinated with the Chamber of Commerce in the event that we would invite community nominations. The group tentatively agreed that the CEEG is the best candidate for the award at the present time. Further steps in the process will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was also decided to have the Task Force write a letter of appreciation to David Meyers and the Public Works Dept thanking them for their work in helping to get the recycling program restarted.

8. New Business:

Consideration of the committee's next focus

9. The next meeting is December 14, 5:15 at the town council building.