

Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting

September 21, 2011 / Hanover, NH Town Hall, 8:00-9:30AM

Attendees: David McManus (has worked in development and project management in the areas of organic foods and renewable energy) Larry Litten (Chair), Mary Ann Cadwallader (Recorder), Peter Kulbacki (Public Works), Chris Kennedy, Marjorie Rogalski, Lyn Swett Miller, Susan Edwards (Recycling & Waste Subcommittee).

Minutes Approved: for the June meeting.

Action Items:

Larry will meet with Committee recruits and report back about their availability at our meeting time.

Susan will write a letter to the Valley News commending Longacre's for the pot recycling program..

Lyn will write a simple contract to present to Chuck Gibson, which she will email Julia and Committee members for comment.

Julia will consult with Betsy about funds that might be available to pay for finishing the posters on the other themes for the kiosk.

Julia will arrange meetings on composting with George Murray, Pooh Sprague, and Northeast Waste.

Larry and Lyn will get the kiosk to the Howe Library.

Larry will focus on the composting initiative.

Susan will advance our waste reduction efforts.

Mary Ann and Lyn will develop contacts and collaborations with the schools.

Agenda Items:

Enlarging the Committee and Possible Change in Meeting Time: The 3rd Wednesday of each month from 8:00-9:30 at the Town Hall will remain our meeting time until Larry meets with others being recruited for the committee finds out, about their availability at this time. We may want to have a couple of meetings a year at 3:30 to accommodate the schools.

Recycling Sub-Committee report on summer activities: Kudos to Susan, Brian and her other fellow workers. Both the September 10 Yard Sale and the plant pot recycling at Longacre's were great successes. Susan's written report includes the details of arranging the Dewey Lot and publicity for the Yard Sale. Dartmouth's advertising was deemed the most effective. A banner over Main Street would seem to be the best way to advertise any event we sponsor; but, of course, it adds cost. Youth in Action volunteers (under Chris Lord's direction) were a great help this year. The sale grossed \$970 and cleared \$661 for the work of Sustainable Hanover.

Plant pot collection at Long Acres filled 11 pallets 4x4x7 feet tall. Susan will write a letter to the Valley News commending Longacre's. They did paid advertising for it which we could do for free. Susan asked the committee to consider buying a tent to use in case of rain and suggested a 9-11:30 AM timeframe for the event

Report on status of kiosk, its use, and its displays: In completing the paperwork for the grant that paid for the kiosk, Lyn stated the important role that the creation of the kiosk had in clarifying Sustainable Hanover's goals and in making them public. The list of the main themes that will appear on the kiosk over the next couple of years follows:

Chuck Gibson designed and produced the first set of posters for the kiosk and has given Lyn a \$1,500 quote for producing the rest of the posters. In our discussion of where we'd get the funds, we realized that we needed to make it clear what our money would be buying. We need to own the logo that appears on the posters and to be able to update the information on the theme panels he produces. This would require negotiating with Chuck for PDFs of the logo and the panels in their format.

While we're negotiating, we'll be moving the kiosk with its energy saving message to 3 locations—the Howe Library, the Black Center, and the Town Hall.

Sale of Naked Table wood: has raised \$500. We're just \$100 shy of breaking even. The Committee should make inquiries of their contacts about buying some of this homegrown Maple.

Compost Initiative: The Richmond School has begun a composting program, with Byrne Foundation support. They are using Bob Sandberg, who does the Ray School (and the Coop and Kendal). George Murray has become the new Lebanon Landfill manager; he formerly worked at the ROT compost facility by the hospital. Julia will arrange conversations with George Murray and Pooh Sprague of Edgewater Farm about where we can send compost, and with Northeast Waste about hauling fees for downtown Hanover that would encourage composting (and recycling).

Municipal Energy Saving Initiative: ARRA funds have been used for an audit of the Police Station, which will be retrofitted for energy savings. The same audit firm, TRC, will do the Richard Black Center. The Fire Station will be the next project; grant funds are being sought.

Streetlight wattage has been dropped without problems or complaint. Town officials met with Algonquin Power (which is purchasing National Grid to do business as Liberty Power) in order to move toward conversion of all street lighting to LED and partial night light. The Town also wrote the NH Public Utilities Commission and attended the public hearing about the unreasonable charges that National Grid imposes for partial night lighting. Unfortunately, the PUC approved National Grids petition with few changes.

Committee 2011/12 responsibilities: Larry asked each member of the committee to assume responsibility during the coming year for moving a specific part of our agenda forward. The following committee members stepped forward at this time:

Larry will focus on the composting initiative.

Susan will advance our waste reduction efforts.

Mary Ann and Lyn will develop contacts and collaborations with the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Cadwallader, recorder, with additions by Larry Litten, chair