

Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting

October 19, 2011, 8:00-9:30 AM

At Dartmouth Planning, Design, and Construction (4 Currier Place)

Hanover, NH,

Next Meeting November 16, 2011 @

the same time and place.

Attendees: Larry Litten (Chair), Mary Ann Cadwallader (Recorder), Peter Kulbacki (Public Works), Chris Kennedy, Marjorie Rogalski, Lyn Swett Miller, Susan Edwards (Recycling & Waste Reduction Subcommittee), Julia Griffin (Town Manager), Joanna Whitcomb Dartmouth Dir. of Campus Planning & Facilities), Yolanda Baumgartner, Rosi Kerr (Dartmouth Dir. of Sustainability), Jenna Musco (Dartmouth Sustainability Fellow), David McManus.

Minutes Approved: for the September meeting with addition of David McManus to the group developing collaboration in the schools.

Action Items:

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.

Julia will post Bob Walker's email which advertises a 'how to' workshop on home weatherization, Nov. 5, 12 on the Town's e-news site.

Lyn will contact Ray School about making posters on the Simplifying Life theme for a panel on the Nov/Dec. kiosk.

Joanna will contact Local First Alliance about creating a panel for Nov/Dec kiosk.

Lyn will publish the energy meetings that Bob Walker is holding on the SHC Website.

Larry will rearrange the kiosk so the Vampire Loads side is prominent and the large QR space advertises upcoming energy-related events.

Marjorie will work with Julia to publicize tax credits for household energy efficiency upgrades in Town communication sites.

Marjorie will share info. on a Tuck professor who is working on energy issues to Julia.

Marjorie and **Chris K.** will work on posters for the kiosk for the January/February energy saving themes.

Rosi will send the link to a university model for creating a revolving loan fund to Julia

Larry will invite Janet Redman and Emily Newman to attend our next meeting.

Larry will meet with Janet before she comes to our next meeting.

Joanna will confirm the availability of the meeting space for November.

Agenda Items:

Report on kiosk—its use, and its displays: We plan to alternate the location of the kiosk between the Howe Library and the Town Hall until a prominent place for it is found at the Black Center. Then it will appear at all 3 sites.

'Simplifying Life' posters need to be created and be on the kiosk by the 3rd week in November as this theme speaks to the excesses of the Christmas season. Lyn will contact Ray School about making posters for one panel. Mary Ann will help with this. Joanna will contact Local First Alliance about creating another panel. (When Composting is the theme next spring, we may want to consider a photo essay on how food becomes compost using photos of the Ray or Middle School's composting efforts.)

Julia offered desktop publishing help. See Joanna and/or Chris for use of a plotter. We'll do our own panels for this one to see what we can do. Perhaps we'll want help from the designer on our 'Saving Energy' theme for January-March. Marjorie and Chris K. have agreed to work on this.

Larry will make sure our Vampire Loads poster can easily be seen on the Kiosk during the Halloween season. He will use the larger QR space to advertise this event and others. Julia will post Bob Walker's email which advertises a 'how to' workshop on home weatherization, Nov. 5, 12 on the Town's e-news site. Larry will publish the dates on the kiosk. Lyn will post Bob's information on the SHC Website. Committee members may want to subscribe to the Town's e-news and to the Hanover listserv.

<http://lists.valley.net/lists/info/hanover>.

The list of the main themes that will appear on the kiosk over the next year follows:

Late fall: lifestyle choices—simplifying the holidays; local shopping

Winter: home energy planning, monitoring; renewables

Spring: waste reduction

Summer: land/water stewardship

Next fall: transportation

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 have stepped forward:

Larry will focus on the composting initiative.

Susan will advance our waste reduction efforts.

Mary Ann, Lyn, and David McManus will develop contacts and collaborations with the schools and with Terry Applebee concerning an initiative to use food produced locally.

Marjorie, Chris K., and Yolanda will work on promoting home energy efficiency and changes to the building code.

Status of Energy Credits and PACE: Julia and Marjorie will work together to get out the news on State and Federal tax credits for household energy efficiency. Quick Links could be used. As the PACE initiative is on hold until Fannie and Freddie agree to

mortgage homes under the program, we asked the Town to consider creating a non-profit to administer a revolving loan fund for these kinds of improvements. There's a university model for doing this. Rosi will send the link to Julia. Marjorie will give Julia information on the Tuck professor who is dealing with this issue as well.

Collaboration with the Chamber / the Co-op: This year the Chamber's Annual Awards honor groups all involved in Sustainability. Hypertherm's Jenny Levy is writing a piece on sustainability to go into the program for the event. Larry and Julia have had input. The Hanover Coop is developing plans to promote its sustainability leadership by showing residents and businesses how they can implement sustainable practices. Larry will invite Janet Redman, Executive Director of the Chamber, and Emily Newman, Sustainability Coordinator at the Coop, to attend our next meeting to talk with us about how we can work together to advance sustainability in Hanover. Emily can speak to the Coop's readiness to model the implementation of sustainable practices for businesses and households. We can ask Janet about what the Chamber members are saying and doing about sustainability and how we might recognize and reward the business community's efforts.

In a discussion on awards that we might give to businesses with sustainable practices, Rosi spoke of Harvard's Green Carpet program which does this. Dartmouth will work with us to design something like Green Oscars for town businesses that adopt sustainable practices.

Recycling and Food Composting: Food composting requires a place for it to happen and then a strategy for picking it up and transporting it. George Murray, new manager of the Lebanon Landfill, is interested in creating a place for composting. They already take the Town's sludge. The Town has looked into places and has a person who could design a program if warranted in the future. Wayne Barstow was also mentioned as a resource as he designed St. Paul's recycling pickup.

Recycling among downtown businesses is done building by building. Northeast contracts separately with building owners for a zero sort. Both the Town and Dartmouth have asked Northeast Waste to unpack their fees so that composting and recycling can be rewarded. But Northeast Waste has not been forthcoming.

Dartmouth Update from Rosi Kerr: Dartmouth is positioning itself to be a leader in Sustainability. There's Board support and money for thinking longterm and acting in 2011. Rosi shared some of the small projects happening on campus like water bottles with filters for freshmen, the training of freshmen in sustainability advocacy, a plan for recycling the derelict bikes left on campus, one for Greening the Greeks. There are ten upper-classmen interns this year as well. Marjorie asked Rosi to consider advocating for 1 fridge and 1 printer per room and the use of CFL bulbs.

Respectfully submitted,

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

