

Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting

November 16, 2011, 8:00-9:30 AM

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

Hanover, NH,

Next Meeting December 14, 2011 @

the same time and place.

Christmas tree recycling will be Saturday, January 14, 2012

Attendees: Larry Litten (Chair), Mary Ann Cadwallader (Recorder), Peter Kulbacki (Public Works), Chris Kennedy, Chris Soderquist, Marjorie Rogalski, Theresa Odin (Recycling & Waste Reduction Subcommittee), Joanna Whitcomb (Dartmouth Dir. of Campus Planning & Facilities), Yolanda Baumgartner, Jenna Musco and Kelly McGlinchey (Dartmouth Sustainability Fellows), David McManus, Barbara Duncan, Emily Neuman (Coop Sustainability Coordinator)

Minutes Approved: October meeting of the Committee.

Action Items:

Terry Jillson, Betsy's replacement, will decide when to have electronics recycling.

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

Joanna will obtain a panel from Local First Alliance for the Nov/Dec kiosk.

Everyone please check to see when your promised kiosk panel is due in the Minutes.

Peter will introduce Chris to the new manager at the Lebanon landfill.

Larry will ask Ryan Borkowski to meet with us, December 14.

Larry and Yolanda meet with Janet Rebman, November 18.

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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.

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

Agenda Items:

Recycling: Peter Kulbacki will be looking at the single stream recycling option as well as our present curbside recycling during the budget process. A MRF will be coming on-line this or next year in Concord so going single stream is being considered, but the mixture of all plastics in single stream downgrades the quality of the uses to which the recycled plastic can be put. Carrier competition, of course, would help lower costs. Peter continues to look for a way of incentivizing recycling and keeping costs down. At this

point, tipping charges are by container and don't distinguish whether the container is empty or full.

We should look into Sustainable Hanover sponsorship of Green Up Day in May.

We need to publicize the fact that Lebanon will take plastics numbered 3-7.

We agreed to help staff the recycling of electronics. Terry Jillson, Betsy's replacement, will decide when. We were reminded that Best Buy does electronic recycling. The Montshire, too, has done it in the past.

We realized that *we need* to update our recycling list to include where to take it when it's not part of the Town's program.

Christmas tree recycling will be the second weekend in January, Saturday, January 14. .

Meeting with Janet Rebman, 11/18: The Committee would like Larry and Yolanda to discuss collaboration and action on the upcoming Coop's Expo. We'd definitely like the Coop's Expo. to address the business community. The downtown recycling hoped for will be part of Peter Kulbacki's negotiation with Northeast Waste and the Town budget process. In addition:

We could encourage and educate about the benefits of energy audits for groups of businesses, as poor heating and ventilating systems waste energy. National Grid is required to do audits for free.

Dartmouth's recycling program is 1.5 years old and it seems that there are trash/recycling bins everywhere. We may want to pilot a new kind of trash/recycling bin, if we foresee business recycling, that addresses the problem of proliferation of bins and contamination of recyclables.

We need to get tipping to reward recycling and then educate businesses about savings if they recycle.

Would the Chamber consider yearly awards recognizing sustainable business practices? This year's Chamber Leadership Awards just happened to honor businesses with sustainable practices. Their program for the event used materials we'd prepared for our website. Julia Griffin was one of the honorees.

Kiosk update:

Joanna is working with Local First Alliance to create an upper panel for the Nov/Dec kiosk.

Marjorie, Chis, (and Yolanda?) are working on a display on 'Saving Energy' for January-March. (which includes government subsidies for homeowner's installation of solar collectors, etc?)

David and Mary Ann will talk with the schools about involvement in our spring kiosk display on waste reduction which Susan Edwards is putting together for March.

Larry or Joanna will ask the Bike/Ped Committee to create a poster for the kiosk. This display can use materials from a consultant's study for the Town on walking and cycling. The study was done to aid in creating a standard of development to encourage walking and cycling by connecting and creating more trails, etc. Another study on parking is in process.

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—who?

Spring: waste reduction

Summer: land/water stewardship

Next fall: transportation

The following from previous minutes may give additional clarity:

Larry will focus on the composting initiative.

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.

We decided to keep the Kiosk at the Library or Black Center as there's more traffic in these places than at the Town Hall.

Building code modifications (Chris Kennedy): Chris is producing a memo for the Town planning folks about best practices used by green builders that the Town could require in their building code. Disposal of construction waste is a major concern as well as energy conservation. Small, effective steps toward regulation and incentivizing green building need to begin. Needless to say, regulation needs to be kept simple. Chris will be speaking with Ryan Borkowski about all this and the ideas below:

The energy code should emphasize tightness above the R factor of buildings.

Visual inspections should be replaced by 3rd party blower door tests which are already mentioned in the code.

The size or type of addition/renovation requiring this test needs to be decided.

A one page waste reduction plan could be part of the building permit. Lead requires documenting the amount of waste and how much will be recycled.

Town buildings must be LEAD certified; it's hoped that this will have a ripple effect. How might we facilitate this?

Peter will introduce Chris to the new manager at the Lebanon landfill so that he can assess what they're already doing re: construction waste. Larry will ask if Ryan would meet with us, December 14.

Barbara Duncan request: Barabara Duncan asked the Committee to sponsor a six session reading and discussion group on healthy people and a healthy planet. Would we advertise on our kiosk, website, and at the Town Hall? **We agreed** to sponsor as we did last year.

Emily Neuman on Coop's Expo: The Expo will probably be on March 31, 2012 in White River Junction, putting the Coop in the context of the Upper Valley. Its focus is on the environment, one of the Coops 7 goals, and will involve collaboration with Vital Communities and other organizations like Sustainable. Hanover (Larry will represent us), Dartmouth College, Transition Towns (WRJ). In addition, we talked about contacting Lyme School about their garden initiative, Woodstock, which has an active sustainability committee, Peter Allison's Upper Valley Farm to School Program, Locomotion in Burlington, the Land Trust about their agricultural work.

The Coop plans to showcase the progress made on their 5 year strategic plan and their vision for an upcoming 10 year plan. As many as 40 groups may be invited to provide displays, booths and workshops. Workshops will be activity oriented.

Emily had thought to engage the Coop membership but said she could target businesses, as well when we suggested it. Vital Communities would have a list of businesses involved in sustainability initiatives that we'd be willing to add to. CLEAN (natural gas use), Resource Systems Group (biking), were a couple of names that came up.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Cadwallader, recorder