

## **Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting**

January 18, 2012, 8:30-10:00 AM  
Town Hall , Selectboard Meeting Room  
Hanover, NH

### **Next Meeting February 15 @ 8:30 – 10am**

**Attendees:** Larry Litten (Chair), Peter Kulbacki (Public Works), Lyn Swett Miller (Recorder), Chris Kennedy, Marjorie Rogalski, Susan Edwards, Jenna Musco (Dartmouth Sustainability Intern), David McManus, Bill Geraghty (Selectboard Representative)

**Guests:** Jim Howard (Concord resident working on a UNH Sustainable Communities Study),

#### **Action Items:**

1. **Larry** will check with Conservancy re. film series – How well was the RBC event attended?
2. **Chris K.** will write a draft for basic expectations for an RFP for domestic Energy Audits
3. **David** will check in with ReKnew regarding their proposal for group solar discounts.
4. **David** is meeting with **Chris S** next week about developing additional sustainability indicators related to the Hanover emissions model. Lyn will talk with Chris re. working with Dartmouth team of web services
5. **Lyn** will contact Jeanne Kornfeld – Film series include HHS Environmental Club
6. **Chris S.** will follow-up with Thayer – Fall presentation of emissions model.
7. **Marjorie** – provide graphic from Union of Concerned Scientists for use on kiosk and find out about permission.

#### **Discussion:**

1. Approved Minutes from special January 10 meeting
2. Kiosk discussion: Members will make sure they can be blown up to fit on the kiosk by working with Chris K.: Susan – Waste, Larry – yards/rain gardens
3. Agreed to reimburse Marjorie for Gnomon kiosk poster printing
4. Co-op Expo (Saturday, March 31, 2012): Looking for greater interactivity
  - a. Location: White River Junction Elementary School
5. Public Works – Peter – Update on Recycling Contract: Researching options for single stream.
  - a. Question – Could the town do it ourselves?
  - b. How would it benefit the town? What can we gain from this?
  - c. What if we had a trailer/tractor to haul the materials? We would need to purchase a truck...We would then join the Concord Co-op and send to the MRF (Multi.... Recovery Facility) they are building.

- d. Possible that we can wait till end of contract with NE Waste and then switch to Single Stream. By doing it ourselves, it may facilitate downtown business recycling as well as potentially collecting compost.
  - e. With NE Waste, the only leverage we might have would be create the competition.
  - f. How could we make it cost effective for doing businesses? How can we get data?
6. Hanover Recycles 2012 has been printed. The Waste group is still working on an updated list. The list is hard to find. Susan will put some of the hard copies in the kiosk.
- a. For new residents: We can give it to them when they get their bins or we can let the realtors print it from a .pdf file or we can refer people to the Website for downloading.
    - Larry bring a list of realtors to the February meeting and we'll plot a strategy for talking to realtors about how to deliver the information.
  - b. Question of Caps from bottles – If on the bottle, it is harder to compress b/c of the air; but caps are actually a higher grade plastic. Let's experiment with putting unscrewed caps in curbside bins.
7. Dartmouth Video: Communications interns – Instructional Videos  
Jenna showed a fabulous short video on personal sustainability steps by a Dartmouth student.
- a. Screens in the life sciences center--slides alternate with the video.
  - b. Video = Artist – class of 2014. 1minutes, 25 seconds. Ryan is a studio artist.
  - c. Sustainability project Web Site...
  - d. Idea: Team of people – workshop – Length, script... Available through the spring term. Ryan is a sophomore and will be here this summer.
8. Co-sponsoring Films with others
- a. Sierra Club meeting - \$1000 to buy films for local groups to show.
  - b. *Green Fire: Life of Aldo Leopold* film at the RBC. Now available at the Howe.
  - c. Time and Place is hard to find. Plan for Fall 2012.
  - d. Regular 'film night' idea. Collaborative and co-sponsoring. Environmental Club at the high school... RBC – no charge for use. Question of parking....
  - e. Sustainable Sundays...
9. LWV: Bringing Nature Home Series
- a. Chemical Free Lawn Care
  - b. April 4: Movie: A Chemical Reaction
  - c. #3: April 11: Absorb the Storm (stormwater), Peter Kulbacki
  - d. May: Bringing Nature Home
10. Bio-Diversity Committee – Susan Edwards will represent us as well as the Garden Club.

11. Energy Audits: NH Saves. National Grid. Does 2 levels of energy audits. There is a threshold for participation for the \$100 level. Bob Walker – Question about discounted deal on home audits... What would the volume have to be?
  - a. Draft for proposal – Energy audits – RFP – What is it that we want in the audit? Residential – What are trying to do? Are we competing with National Grid?
  - b. Buttoning up is the starter – bring efficiency down then match it.
12. Education: Put Chris S. together with Dartmouth team – Summer Job commission..
13. Travel: as members of the committee travel, we should be on the outlook for sustainability initiatives we can consider as a town.

**February Agenda:**

1. Co-op Expo
2. Energy Audits Discussion (with info from Julia)

To Note: Marjorie out of town for a few months starting at the end of January; Larry will be out of town for all of March.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Swett Miller  
Recorder for Maryann Cadwallader