

Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting

October 17, 2012, 8:30-10:00 AM

Town Hall, Hanover, NH,

Next Meeting November 14, 2012 (2nd week)

8:30-10:00 @ Town Hall

Attendees: David McManus (Chair), Lyn Miller, Peter Kulbacki (Public Works), Mary Ann Cadwallader (Recorder), Susan Edwards, Yolanda Baumgartner, Chris Kennedy, Chris Soderquist, Julia Griffin (Town Manager).

Guests: Amanda Charland, Jim Howard (researcher and cheerleader for public/private sustainability efforts for NH Corporation for Social Responsibility)

Minutes Approved: September Minutes approved.

Action Items:

Julia, Lyn, David, Yolanda, and Mary Ann will meet at a time set by Julia to revise the Sustainable Hanover Mission Statement. They will use Survey Monkey to get the Committee's opinion of the new mission statement.

Lyn and Chris S. will map out a 2% plan for the Committee and answer such questions as How many fewer miles a week would it take to reach the 2% Solution.

Chris K., Julia, Betsy Smith, and Susan will create a calendar for Sustainable Hanover and related organizations. Chris and Julia will decide a meeting time.

October Minutes:

Jim Howard: (retired CFO of Concord, NH) is working with NH Corporation for Social Responsibility to further communication between the private and public sectors around sustainability issues and efforts. He spoke of the Forum held by Vital Communités, October 16, as a good example of how the business community can share its sustainable practices and expertise with town governments. He was impressed with

Hypertherm's sustainability program and named Portsmouth, Keene, and Hanover as the leaders in the state in addressing sustainability.

Procedures for the Committee:

Minutes: Mary Ann will continue to take Minutes and will send them to David, the Chair, for editing before he sends them out to the email list. He will send out Action Items within a week of the meeting just past. The Minutes including the Action Minutes will be sent about a week before the next Meeting. Agendas for the upcoming meeting are usually sent at this time as well. There was some discussion about having agenda items posed as Decisions to be made.

Peter Kulbacki will have Terry post the Minutes on the Town website after they're approved.

Meeting Procedures:

The Committee will be more formal in its decision making process than in the past. Agenda items will be discussed and decided when motions are made, seconded, and voted upon.

Motion 1 Passed--The Committee will use parliamentary procedure for a couple of months and then evaluate it. Motion made by Lyn, seconded by Chris K.

The Committee discussed the need for a shorter and simpler mission statement that better relates to our ongoing and projected work (our goals). Within this discussion we reviewed our relationship with the Town government. We are considered an Ad Hoc Committee as New Hampshire law doesn't give Sustainability statutory efficacy in the way it does Planning Commissions. Our purview is the Town's recycling program as well as other areas of Sustainability. Peter Kulbacki and Julia Griffin are the town officials who will attend our meetings. They bring ideas and information, can tell us what Town resources are available to us when we discuss an initiative, and keep the Selectboard informed of our work.

Motion 2 Passed-- A Subcommittee will revise the Mission Statement to better reflect what we now do and plan to do. Motion made by Mary Ann, seconded by Susan.

Julia, Lyn, Yolanda, David, and Mary Ann will meet at a time set by Julia to revise the Sustainable Hanover Mission Statement. They will use Survey Monkey to get the Committee's opinion of the new Mission Statement so that the November meeting can be used to discuss goals.

When this is completed and our goals for the year are clear, they will be taken to the Selectboard for approval.

With this in mind, a **discussion of our goals** and plans for the upcoming year ensued:

Chris S. presented his 2% energy-conservation program—**the 2% Solution**: Chris S.'s graphs on energy use made a strong argument for going after residential energy use in the area of transportation. The suggestion was even made that the Town might move resources from retrofitting town buildings to education in the community about lowering residential energy use. Chris presented ideas for recording the data (iphone app.) that would allow individuals to track their progress and would feed into the town data bank as well.

The Committee began to brainstorm how to market this idea to all Hanover residents—neighborhood competitions, formal kickoff during Earth week, influencing teachers to use the initiative in their curriculum, getting the word out through the schools, pitching it as energy independence or dollars saved, rather than saving the environment. As it's presently constituted, the Committee will need help in creating a campaign to promote the 2% idea.

Lyn suggested that each member of the Committee look for a 2% energy savings in their transportation energy use. There was general agreement in the group but we need formulas for measuring energy use and determining our present usage etc.

Lyn and Chris S. will map out a 2% plan for the Committee and answer such questions as How many fewer miles a week would it take to reach the 2% Solution.

Calendar for Sustainable Hanover:

Chris K. brought forward the need for a calendar that would allow Sustainable Hanover to look at an annual cycle for our activities and the related activities of other constituencies in Town. This speaks to the coordinating and publicizing function that was part of our mission.

A Working Group was formed to pull together a calendar—Chris K., Julia, Betsy Smith, and Susan will create a calendar that includes Dartmouth's activities related to Sustainability, the schools' vacations and initiatives, Earth day, Town Yard Sale, a February update to the Selectboard, a June meeting with the Planning Commissions, a group retreat, etc.

Motion 3 Passed. Amanda Charland was named to the Committee.

Election Day Presence: Susan will take the banner, and she and Theresa will be distributing a handout on Zero Sort

For November's Agenda:

- Continue Goals discussion.
- Decide whether the 2% Solution will be our initiative for the upcoming year.
- Poll Committee members about the areas in which they'll work; e.g. Susan in Recycling, Lyn with the Schools.
- Set a date for our Annual Meeting on Town Sustainability. Ask Vital Communities to help.
- Recruitment for the Committee.
- Update from Peter on recycling program

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Cadwallader, Recorder