

Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting

March 21, 2012, 8:30-10:00 AM

Town Hall

Hanover, NH,

Next Meeting April 18, 2012, 8:30-10:00 @ Town Hall

Attendees: Bill Geraghty (Selectboard), Peter Kulbacki, (Public Works), Mary Ann Cadwallader(Recorder), Susan Edwards, Yolanda Baumgartner.

Action Items:

Mary Ann and Yolanda can help Larry at the Coop Expo.

Mary Ann will ask Rosi about paper recycling at Dartmouth.

Bill Geraghty will look into what DHMC does

with its paper.

In April, Mary Ann, Yolanda, and Susan will get-together and write an article on home energy audits.

March Action Items not yet reported on:

All-Bill Howard is still looking for input from SHComm. Members

All-Save March 31st for the Coop's Expo. or the New Hampshire's Energy Seminar Day.

Larry will repair the kiosk if needed.

Larry will ask Roger Ware if he will make an Idling Awareness poster for our kiosk. **Susan** will post information about the League's Sustainable Landscape and Yardwork event on the kiosk.

Chris K. will send information about the Upper V. Energy Roundtable, May 24?, sponsored by SERGE and Vital Communities. All the area town's energy committees (25) report out on their initiatives and then there are usually break-out groups or a talk.

David will call other vendors and check with Norwich about their experience with ReKnew and email us his findings.

Mary Ann will talk with Barbara about the spreadsheet, the Sierra Club's plans, and use of their movies next year.

February Action Items not yet reported on:

Rosi will show How Dartmouth works videos at a meeting.

Julia will find out

how many energy audits National Grid will do for Hanover.

Julia will speak with Kevin

Peterson about funding for improvements made after the audit.

Julia will ask Alex Hanson about writing an article in the Valley News on Chris's work and the Hanover To Done list.

BTU's per square foot) for each of our 5 goals.

David will look into 1-2 indicators (like

indicators to include on an easy spreadsheet to track records going forward.

Chris S. will meet with **David** to discuss

indicators for the spreadsheet.

Marjorie will call Bob Walker about

Chris K. will meet with George Murray the new manager of the Lebanon Landfill. **Chris K.** will work with Ryan Borkowski to draft an invitation to a meeting to discuss code revisions, or other means, for promoting construction waste recycling and building envelope sealing in construction.

Agenda Items:

Recycling: (Kulbacki) Peter is investigating the costs and benefits of a single stream recycling option that would allow Hanover more control of its recycling costs and the ability eventually to afford to offer recycling downtown as well as curbside. Peter is weighing many options to find a way to keep costs down, at present levels if possible. All the options he's pursuing are less costly than the 10 year contract NE Waste is proposing. Our contract with them ends with the 2013 fiscal year, although there is a year or three year renewal possibility. Peter will be presenting these options to the Selectmen soon.

Yolanda thought we might be able to get matching funds for new totes or the creation of a collection site from NHthe beautiful.org. Peter will look into it.

Paper Recycling: There was a concern among the avid recyclers about the co-mingling of paper as it's worth quite a bit in the recycling market and should be reused, after all we're talking about wasting whole forests here. We decided to do some research:

Mary Ann will ask Rosi if Dartmouth is presently paying to get rid of paper, how much they have, and if they would consider collecting paper in their offices and recycling it at a downtown site. We, in turn, would ask the downtown businesses to do the same when they became part of the Hanover recycling picture. Finally, we would have to make the case to the householder who already separates paper from other recyclables that it was worth it to bring paper to the Town recycling dumpster, after we went single-stream.

Bill Geraghty will look into what DHMC does with its paper.

We're definitely at the information-gathering stage as it's still uncertain when we might go single-stream. Peter made it clear, however, that double stream was not being considered because of the added personnel it would require.

Wood available: Peter said that there is still Naked Table wood available for sale. Mary Ann will ask Len and Lyn if they are interested in buying more.

Energy Audits: In April, Mary Ann, Yolanda, and Susan will get-together and write an article on home energy audits for the Valley News if there's interest there. Judy Colla has already written something about this for the Coop Newsletter. Chris Kennedy will also be a resource.

Upcoming Events: (Cadwallader added to minutes after the meeting) Betsy Smith can post our upcoming events on the Chamber's calendar. Our kiosk, website, the Chamber's calendar, and the Town Report have become our main communication vehicles. The Town no longer does regular mailings, but has a phone list for contacting its citizens. We may want to reconsider organizing neighborhoods around some of our issues.

At the April Meeting:

We will need to approve these and February's Minutes. We didn't have a quorum for decision making.

We will need to catch up with what the other half of the committee discussed on March 14, 2012, thinking it was our regular meeting time. Chris Kennedy will send out notes on the meeting which can be appended below.

We thought we might want to discuss Renew's offer and how to proceed in April.

The Action Items above indicate needed feedback.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Cadwallader, recorder