

Sustainable Hanover Committee

Minutes, April 18, 2012

Attending: Larry Litten, chair; Susan Edwards; Chris Kennedy; Peter Kulbacki; William Geraghty; guest: Megan Shannon, Vital Communities.

To do:

Larry will retrieve kiosk from repair shop, take it to the library, and swap posters and brochures.

Larry and Peter will meet with Julia about internship activities.

Peter will explore Website maintenance resources within town staff

1. March minutes approved with name spelling change

2. Update on recycling program

Peter described the change in the curbside program to zero-sort without increased cost to the town. The new specifications of acceptable materials are on the Website and will be in the brochures. Town management and execution of the program is still being explored.

3. Green business award

Certificates have been printed; window decals have been ordered. The awards will be made on April 21. Winners will be publicized on the SHC kiosk and Website. Megan Shannon expressed an interest in exploring an Upper Valley recognition program in conjunction with Vital Communities.

4. Review Coop Expo experience; implications for similar events

The SHC two booths at the Coop expo had different experiences. The waste-reduction booth had many visitors and signed people up to help with their garden pot recycling days. Fewer people engaged with the sustainability model at the other booth. The message for future such events seems to be—keep it simple.

5. Current status of kiosk and plans for further development (draft poster attached)

The kiosk is being modified to prevent splitting of the legs when it is being removed from its base. Larry will retrieve it from the maker, reinstall it at the library, and insert two new posters on it, with appropriate brochures. It will go to town meeting.

6. Internship proposal (H. Kennedy)

The committee is very interested in developing an internship for Hannah Kennedy, who wrote that she would like to do something when she returns from the summer from school in Scotland. One option could be helping to update and maintain the Website. Larry will explore this possibility with Lyn. Peter and Larry will also meet with Julia Griffin after town meeting to explore other internship options.

7. Website maintenance

We need to establish reliable and efficient means for keeping the SHC Website current. An intern is a possibility (see above for a short-term option). Interns from the high school will also be explored [Note: is someone doing this?] Peter suggested that increased Web skills among town staff might also answer our needs.

8. Lebanon Energy Plan; implications for Hanover

Megan Shannon of Vital Communities described how the Lebanon Energy Plan was developed and indicated a willingness to work with Hanover to develop a plan.

9. Solar initiatives

The discussion of possible initiatives to advance the implementation solar power generation in Hanover (beyond the proposal from ReKnew Energy that has been discussed at previous meetings) was deferred until David McManus, our most informed member, could be present.