

## **Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting**

June 19, 2013, 8:30-10:00 AM

Town Hall, Hanover, NH

**Next Meeting July 17, 2013**

**8:30-10:00 @ Town Hall**

**Attendees:** David McManus (Chair), Mary Ann Cadwallader (Recorder), Yolanda Baumgartner, Susan Edwards, Marjorie Rogalski, Julia Griffin (Town Manager), Amanda Charland.

**Minutes Approved:** May 15 Minutes approved.

Minutes from the Retreat, May 29 approved with request that they be labeled as Unedited Real Time Minutes from SHC Retreat.

### **Action Items:**

**The Green Energy Committee** will meet with Steve Shadford and Jenny Levy, Tuesday, July 2 at 1:30 at the Town Hall.

**All-**Website updates to Betsy by July 8.

**All-** Email Susan if you can volunteer for plant pot recycling, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays in July and August and/or for helping at the All Hanover Yard Sale, August 30-31.

**Marjorie** will forward the link to information about RI colleges, Colby-Sawyer, and Springfield MA's experience with aggregating.

**Report on Coop's Free Electronic Recycling** (Amanda): The Coop has held 2 very successful electronics recycling days. They paid the fees charged by WinCycle, making it free for recyclers. They collected 15,000 pounds at the White River Junction store and 45,000 pounds later at the Lebanon store. Bravo!!

In the fall, probably in late September, they plan to do another day at the Lebanon location. They are inviting groups like Sustainable Hanover to publicize recycling opportunities. We discussed the possibility of doing a 'how to reduce your trash demo.' with Susan and Chris K.'s help or printing up handouts with the latest recycling information for Hanover. Ideas will need to be firmed up in July.

**Northeast Waste Recycling Proposal** (Julia): NEWaste wants to negotiate a new contract with the Town. They are proposing giving residents new totes for no-sort recycling that can be mechanically dumped into the collection truck at curbside. Use of these would half the time and reduce the mileage necessary to pickup Hanover residents' recycling. If we continue to recycle every other week, the savings accrued could be used to facilitate business composting and recycling downtown. Northeast Waste downtown recycling dumpsters are being changed to single stream which allows more than cardboard to be recycled. At this point, however, there is no dollar incentive that encourages recycling. (Chris K. reminded us that downtown tenants wouldn't see any savings from recycling because the landlord pays the bills.) Peter will be looking at pricing charts, discussing options, etc. over the summer.

**Recycling Committee** (Susan): Marjorie and Larry Litten helped at the last **plant pot recycling** at Longacres last Saturday. There will be 2 more of these events on mornings of the third Saturday of July and August. Longacres even supplies coffee. Email Susan if you can volunteer.

**Hardcover books** can be recycled at the Lebanon Landfill beyond the metal dumpster. Susan is researching the best place to send **cloth** and will coordinate with Listen. Norwich transfer station has a bin and Lebanon Landfill would listen to a proposal. Southern NH does collections. The Town could create a drop off location if it knew that it would be emptied.

**All Hanover Yard Sale** over Labor Day Weekend, Saturday, August 31, from 10-2: Susan will get the information for the forms etc. to Betsy. Forms will be available on the website at the beginning of August. Double tables will be \$20 with a \$20 deposit required. There will be no refunds for tables after August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Green Power Study Group** (Yolanda, Marjorie, David, Julia): The Green Power Community idea comes out of the EPA. The study group is looking into whether Hanover could become the first in the state to be a Green Power Community. To qualify 10% of a community's electricity must be purchased from green suppliers. The 10% has to be captured on the grid in some way, which excludes green energy from the use of bio-mass, geo-thermal, and solar. (PUC counts these in their calculations of green energy use, however.)

Julia is meeting with Jonathan Brush, the Facilities Supervisor for the school district, about purchasing. Amanda said that the Coop is concentrating on energy savings this year. Julia will email Steve Shadford about the initiative and attending the next meeting.

After discussions with the major non-residential users of electricity about increasing their use of green energy, the committee will be approaching residents about buying green electrical energy. By aggregating users, there may be a way to get a lower price point for residents who chose to use green power. Marjorie will forward the link to information about RI colleges, Colby-Sawyer, and Springfield MA's experience with aggregating. John Lee from DHMC could tell us about their experience with World Energy, an energy management company that aggregates to get lower price contracts. The Green Energy Committee will meet with Steve Shadford and Jenny Levy, Tuesday, July 2 at 1:30 at the Town Hall.

#### **CMiles Initiative:**

Chris S. and Lyn met with Vital Communities' Director Mary Elizabeth Sloane. They've agreed to act as the agent for any grant funds received by Chris S. to support the App. and effort needed to get CMiles off the ground. Chris is encouraged because he has a new developer on board. Lyn has been approached by a Richmond MS parent who's ready to attack the afterschool transportation problem. We hope to meet with anyone interested in this, as well as, Joanne Roberts, the curriculum person from the district soon.

**Parking Garage Electric Car Battery Chargers:** DHMC's parking garage now has a charger. We've working on getting two, too.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Cadwallader, Recorder

