

Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting

July 17, 2013, 8:30-10:00 AM

Town Hall, Hanover, NH

Next Meeting September 18, 2013

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

Minutes Approved: June 19 Minutes approved with correction of the spelling of WinCycle.

Action Items:

The Green Power Study Group will meet at 1:00 at the Town Hall, Tuesday, August 27.

Lyn will disappear our old website.

Lyn will organize the Saturday, November 16 Transportation Expo. at the Black Center from 9:00-12:00.

Julia will reserve the Black Center for the Transportation Expo.

Susan will email all of us Yard Sale news.

David will write a one page FAQ sheet explaining how RECs work and put it up on the Town website

Chris K. will pencil in dates for interactions with the other town committees. Chris, would you share these by email with the committee?

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

All- Think about our agenda in meeting with other town committees

All- Think about ways SH can help promote the green ideas behind proposed zoning changes.

Plastic Plant Pot Recycling (Susan):

Saturday, July 20, 9-noon, is our 2nd collection for the summer. Next two are Aug 17 and Sept 21.

Bring 'tapped-free of dirt' plastic plant pots/trays and flimsy multipacks to the collection site at Longacre's Nursery (220 Mechanic St, Lebanon). No charge.

Small and large amounts welcome. Sustainable Hanover and Longacre's provide this service in an effort to keep these plastics in service through specialized recycling. This is our 3rd year of collections. Untold thousands of pots have been diverted from landfills and many volunteers have also helped by collecting certain pots for their personal use. A win-win for all...

Town of Hanover/Dartmouth College 4th Annual Community Yard Sale (Susan):

Saturday, August 31 is the date for the 2013 Sale. Registration forms will be available August 1 on the Town of Hanover Website. As in previous years, it will be 'first come, first served' so get your registration form in early.

Dewey Field Parking lot (same as before), 10.00 am - 2.00 pm (earlier than last year), \$20 for a full space (four parking spaces) and \$12 for a half space (2 parking spaces). As before we will

require a second check for the same amount to be refunded at the end of the sale (dependent on a cleaned space). Sellers will be able to set up from 8:30 AM on Saturday.

Town Recycling (Peter): Northeast Waste has quietly been replacing the recycling dumpsters paid for by downtown businesses with single-stream ones. Negotiations continue with Northeast Waste. Peter has given them a heads up on the possibility of a regional composting site that would cut their hauling costs and our desire to use it for restaurant and resident food waste. 35% of our waste is compostable!

Adriane Coutermarsh is Peter's new administrative assistant.

The Green Power Study Group (Yolanda): The study group [Jonathan Brush (Dresden School District), David, Marjorie, and Yolanda (Sustainable Hanover), Jenny Levy (Hypertherm), Rosie Kerr (Dartmouth), Julia Griffin (Hanover Town Manager), Larry Danyluk (CRELL), Jennifer White (Colby-Sawyer)] has met 5 times since June with 5 guest speakers to pursue fact-finding on purchasing green power. Most of the members had been concentrating on conservation; all were receptive to information about green electricity. The group now knows enough to be dangerous. They plan to come back to Sustainable Hanover with a proposal in September.

Our community already meets the 3% criterion (e.g. Hypertherm's 15 million Kilowatt hours are 100% green. They've paid the extra cost of green power with savings from their conservation efforts.) to be considered a green partner and qualify for the EPA program that would ultimately require us to use 10% green energy to become a Green Power Community, the first in NH. We don't have a solid starting number for the kilowatts used by Town residents; Yolanda hopes to get one when she meets with Liberty tomorrow. Liberty should know by net-metering. We'd like to have access to their net-meter accounts or at least know who the 10 top users in the Town are.

Increasing a town's use of green energy can be accomplished as it was at Colby-Sawyer by buying certificates (RECs), which support the growth of renewable energy somewhere in the US. The town will invite reputable brokers to bid on supplying the Town with RECs for the difference between the green energy in use and the 10% goal we must reach. (The brokers, in turn, go to an aggregator to purchase green-certified energy.) The Town uses 3 million Kilowatts a year and doesn't expect the use of green energy to impact its energy expenses much.

David will write a one page FAQ sheet explaining how RECs work and put it up on the Town website. The group plans to invite Dean Sorenson from Kendal and Keith Ford from Dartmouth Printing to join the group when they talk with an energy broker.

C-Miles iPhone App (Lyn): Lyn and Chris meet regularly. They are working to get funding to make the App a reality. The Byrne Foundation and Hypertherm's HOPE Foundation have been approached for funding a programmer. Vital Communities has been asked to be a fiscal sponsor. By the end of the year, Chris expects to have an App ready for final testing that can measure residents' efforts at conserving energy in transportation. Chris is looking into ways of adapting this tool, which is community based, to one that is action specific for individuals and can be marketed throughout the US. Enlarging the audience and selling coaching services along with the App will make it profitable.

Transportation Expo: The final testing of the App. could be introduced at a Transportation Expo planned for November. This Expo, like the Renewable Energy Expo. last spring will be held at the Black Center from 9-12:00. Julia will reserve Saturday, November 16. Lyn will organize it with the committee's help. She's been involved with other parents around managing Kid Miles, has lots of ideas for the Expo, and urged us to think of finding a 'green mix' (Shift your Mix) in our transportation use.

Ride Share: NH DOT has pulled funding for the Upper Valley Ride Share. The Zim Ride App might be the answer to ridesharing in the Upper Valley if money can be found for the rather expensive user license. Lebanon, Hanover, Dartmouth, and Van Chestnut are talking about how this might happen. Lebanon has called a 'time out' in the development along Rte. 120 until something can be done about the traffic problem there. In the meantime, Jenna Musco from Dartmouth has said that the Zim Ride App could be made available to Hanover residents. Joanna Whitcomb is working for Dartmouth on this issue as well.

Calendar: Chris K. will pencil in dates for interactions with the other town committees. Chris, would you share these by email with the committee? SH, in turn, has to get ready for these meetings by deciding how we wish to interact with each committee and prepare an agenda. Chris K. wondered if Chris S.'s program might someday be used to show the green impacts of decisions made by Town committees. A question was raised as to how SH might work with the Planning Commission to educate residents about the green benefits of proposed zoning changes (i.e. higher density in town).

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary Ann Cadwallader, Recorder