

## **Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting Minutes - September 18, 2013 8:30-10:00 am**

### **Attendees:**

Susan Edwards, Jenna Musco, Lynn Miller, Marjorie Rogalski, Yolanda Baumgartner, David McManus, Julia Griffin, Chris Kennedy

**Vital Communities Energy Coordinator Sarah Simonds** came to inform SHC of the variety of energy initiatives VC is working on. More details to follow including Community supported Solar Project

### **Report on 2013 Yard Sale from Susan**

- Full within 2 weeks of the announcement + was able to accommodate all the people that stayed on the waitlist - 133 spots
- Dartmouth towed all the cars that were left in the parking lot
- 4th year
- Dartmouth Facilities was a great help
- Hanover Football did concessions
- Youth in Action was a big help
- Rain did not dampen the spirits of the participants
- Difficult to deal with early buyers coming while set up is going on.
- \$1,396 gross, should net +/- \$900
- added to unspent money from last year - should have +/- \$1500
- Susan purchased a tent for Sustainable Hanover
- Kiosk was there, but really not an important need
- ACTION ITEM: Julia will ask staff to provide an accounting status for the next meetings
- Discussion revolved around deriving statistics about how much stuff is recycled. Dartmouth also has a reused item sale (items donated by seniors in spring, sold in the fall when students are moving in). Upper Valley Sierra Club - handles all the money. Local businesses are disappointed in the lack of sales that took place locally. Stocked up with expensive inventory and then some of it was not sold. Could be an effect of the Reuse Sale. Jenna said that they will make an effort to coordinate with Town on Dartmouth's next event. Communicating with Chamber of Commerce should be encouraged. Local First Alliance, etc.
- Can SHC use some funds for a scholarship of some type

### **Saturday Nov 16 - Sustainable Transportation Expo - 9 to noon**

#### **Update by Lynn Miller**

- will check with other events being scheduled (Dartmouth Football is away)
- What is the message or target audience
- App Announcement - Demo??
- Should we postpone until the App is ready
- Car dealers asked to bring their most energy efficient cars for display
- Upper Valley Sustainable Living website
- Bike/Ped Committee

- Advance Transit
- Upper Valley Rideshare
- Zimride
- Dartmouth Coach/Manchester Airport Shuttle
- bike repair
- biking in winter
- Mass Transit, Bike/Ped, Commuting

### **Green Power Study Group Update led by Yolanda**

- Study group has been meeting over the summer to evaluate putting an effort together to become an EPA Green Power Community
- Study period is completed and now ready to initiate action
- Would like endorsement of full SHC
- Liberty Utilities program is not well run and likely to be phased out
- 134M kwh
- Hanover needs 3% = 4M kwh
- Municipal Operations need to qualify as a Green Power Partner = 10% of Municipal purchases
- Can buy REC's, self generation
- Town of Hanover's electricity purchase contract is up on Dec 31
- Julia will be presenting a request to the Selectboard in order to discuss the purchase of REC's as part of the new electricity purchase contract
- Lynn asked what is the goal over the long term in regards to REC's vs Self Generation
- DC is curious about passing a tax credit for green improvements
- Hanover is looking at a PPA
- DC is looking at self generation projects as well
- **SHC moved that the Town become a Green Power Partner and Hanover then become a Green Power Community. Unanimous approval**

Julia mentioned that Peter Kulbacki viewed a webinar and has downloaded the power point presentation.