

## **Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting Minutes**

June 18, 2014

Members attending: Yolanda Baumgartner, Chris Kennedy, Peter Kulbacki (Department of Public Works), Larry Litten, David McManus (chair), Jenna Musco (Dartmouth College), Marjorie Rogalski

Guests: Joanne Roberts (SAU 70 Curriculum Coordinator), Rick Gregor

### **Agenda**

Approve Minutes - New volunteer needed to take minutes  
Green Power Study Group Report, including Solarize  
Joanne Roberts from SAU 70 sitting in  
Website update  
Textile Recycling Update  
Yard Sale Prep

### **Meeting**

April minutes approved. Larry offered to be recording secretary.

Yolanda reported on Green Power Study Group and read part of a 3-page information sheet on the Hanover's Green Power initiatives for distribution to residents and other interested parties.

Joanne recounted multiple sustainability initiatives that have occurred or are in progress in the schools and expressed a desire to attend SHC meetings on a periodic basis and to work with the Committee on joint initiatives.

Larry reported on the status of the Hanover Garden Club's initiative to build a new net-zero-energy greenhouse and conversations with high school about a collaboration.

Chris reported that the Master Plan Study Group has reviewed 4-5 chapters of the present plan and will meet with the Planning Board to work on integrating sustainability into the all aspects of a new plan.

Rich Gregor spoke of his frustrations in trying to accommodate present code and approval process requirements for a residential solar installation, suggesting that some are not sensible.

Following on discussion with Mr Gregor, there was also mention of the Town applying for the Solarize program and that hopefully permitting process would become more streamlined to accommodate residential solar electric system installs.

## **To do**

**Joanne Roberts** will talk to Jonathan Brush, SAU Facilities Director, about SHC interests, specifically around joining up with Hanover's Green Power Community, and find a time when the two of them can meet with SHC members.

**The Master Plan Study Group** will continue to review the present master plan and arrange to meet with the Planning Board.

**The Green Power Study Group** will continue to develop a plan to enlist residents to become active participants in Hanover's Green Power Community. GPSG will also be assisting the town in applying for the Solarize program by July 21, and if selected as a participant, will combine efforts to try to sign up town residents to either purchase green power (via REC's) or produce green power (via Solarize).