

Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2015

Members attending: Yolanda Baumgartner, MaryAnn Cadwallader, Susan Edwards, Julia Griffin (Town Manager), Chris Kennedy, Peter Kulbacki, Larry Litten, David McManus (chair), Jenna Musco.

To-dos from the meeting

The Committee will volunteer to work the monthly pot recycling events at Longacres.

Julia will prepare draft promotional materials for the Green Energy Challenge; she will contact Amanda Charland to see if a change in our meeting time would abet her attendance.

Yolanda will seek a speaker for the Green Energy Challenge; she will survey committee members on the electricity usage to model savings from an ENH contract; she will complete work on a revised Web site.

Chris will design a logo for the Green Energy Challenge.

Peter will work with the Dartmouth Consulting Group on community solar farm options.

Larry will investigate obtaining copies of Green Energy Times for distribution at Town Hall, the Black Center, the Howe Library.

Jenna will send information about Dartmouth's Earth Week activities.

Meeting

The meeting started with a phone call from Kim Quirk updating the committee on the status of the Solarize Hanover initiative. One participant has withdrawn due to roof replacement costs. The unavailability of some anticipated modules due to systemic supply problems has resulted in some contract modifications; one distributor found some comparable panels that will alleviate some problems. Yolanda reported that costs of site preparation (roof work, tree removal) can qualify for the tax credits for solar installations.

The Dartmouth Consulting Group will work with the Town (i.e., Peter) to explore community solar farm options.

A green power forum (to be called the Hanover Green Power Challenge) will be held at the Black Center on May 14 at 7. It will comprise two parts: A. Green power purchases through ENH, and B. Weatherization and energy efficiency. Julia will develop promotional materials. Yolanda will produce case studies of comparative costs of an ENH 20-month contract and Liberty annual pricing, and will explore a speaker on the nature of the energy market. Chris will create a logo.

Susan reported that the Gear-to-Go recycling event was a success. Garden pot recycling is set for the third Saturdays, June to September at Longacres. Help is needed.

Larry reported that the garden club/high school/town greenhouse initiative is awaiting action by the school—engaging a greenhouse manager and purchase of a temporary greenhouse.

Jenna reported on a slew of activities at Dartmouth as part of 2015 Earth Week. She will distribute relevant information.

Yolanda circulated a draft revision of the committee's Web site to universal acclaim.

The March minutes were approved.

Prepared by Larry Litten.