

## **Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting Minutes**

May 20, 2015

Members attending: Yolanda Baumgartner, MaryAnn Cadwallader, Susan Edwards, Julia Griffin (Town Manager), Larry Litten, David McManus (chair), Jenna Musco (Dartmouth), Marjorie Rogalski. Guests: Rebecca Hoeffler (Dartmouth), David Spreger

### **To-dos from the meeting**

**The Committee** will distribute flyers and contact residents about the Green Power Challenge.

**Jenna** will work with Dartmouth's Events Department to resolve issues regarding the community yard sale.

### **Meeting**

#### Agenda

Green Power Challenge Push  
2015 Community Yard Sale  
Greenhouse at HHS

#### Gile Hill issues

Rich Spreger from the Gile Hill Board of Directors inquired about how that residential development could participate in the Green Power Challenge, and was told to contact ENH, the Green Power Challenge contractor, for appropriate information.

He also asked whether there was any information on the timing of extending a sidewalk to Gile Hill, a development that was part of the promotion to new residents when they signed contracts for condos or leases, and whether Sustainable Hanover had a role in advancing this project. No one was present who could address the timing issue, and the committee did not choose to take a role. Yolanda did note that such developments would be necessary should Hanover choose to become a Zero Net Energy Community.

#### Green Power Challenge Push

Yolanda reported that after the launch event at the Black Center for our Green Power Challenge, 60 residents had signed up in the first of the two-week sign-up period. Local listservs have been contacted, transaction ads have appeared, Marjory has contacted area energy committees. The Committee is urged to pass out fliers in their neighborhoods and make personal contacts where possible, to promote the program. Two more transaction ads will appear in the Valley News, listing progress to date.

## 2015 Community Yard Sale

Julia reported that she, Jenna, Susan, and YYY had met to address the concerns that Dartmouth's Facilities Operations and Management and Risk Management departments had expressed regarding the traffic and behavior associated with the annual yard sale. Possible remedies include increasing the registration fee to cover the cost of two policemen, more volunteers, help from the Dartmouth Office of Sustainability with managing the day of the event. Jenna will continue to work with the Dartmouth offices to resolve the outstanding issues. Julia said that we need to accept the fact that the event may become too costly to stage.

## Town Meeting Results

Julia reported that the West Wheelock Gateway proposal was not passed on Town Meeting Day and the working group was regrouping. Larry asked whether the SHC could be helpful in vetting and promoting any sustainability aspects of such an initiative. Julia said that the storm water management components would be more prominently featured in future communications.

## Dartmouth Sustainability Activities

Jenna reported on a very successful sustainability event at the Dartmouth Organic Farm (including a homebrew competition, food, and cow pie bingo at the neighboring day care center). The first-year Eco Reps sponsored a give-a-fork campaign to focus attention on local food. The Sustainability Office is working on a waste-free commencement.

## Greenhouse at HHS

Larry and Julia reported that a temporary greenhouse had been purchased for Hanover High School to help them develop a sustainability program, the Planning Board had approved the siting, and the structure would be erected when the Hanover Building Inspector had given his approval.

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Prepared by Larry Litten.