

Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2015

Members attending: Yolanda Baumgartner, Mary Ann Cadwallader, Susan Edwards, Julia Griffin (Town Manager) Chris Kennedy, Peter Kulbacki (Department of Public Works), Larry Litten, David McManus (chair), Marjorie Rogalski,

Guest: Mary Donin

To-dos from the meeting

Julia will contact Dartmouth about their demands regarding the Community Yard Sale

David will contact Liberty Utilities about energy audit rebates.

Yolanda will arrange with Bob Walker for an October Button-up Workshop.

Larry will convene a working group in October to design a series of presentations/workshops on landscape protection and enhancement.

All Committee members will propose topics for a landscape series to Larry.

Agenda

Follow-up on the Committee's retreat in July

Meeting

Notes of the July retreat produced by David were approved as the minutes of the Committee's July meeting.

Discussion of the proposal from the retreat that the SHC address issues relating to landscape protection and enhancement (i.e., the ecological impacts of lawns and gardens) utilizing permaculture principles (agricultural and social design principles centered around simulating or directly utilizing the patterns and features observed in natural ecosystems) led to a proposal by Chris that the SHC offer a series of presentations/workshops on the topic. Pilot projects emanating from such discussions might be implemented in specific neighborhoods. Mary Ann, Susan, and Chris volunteered to be on such a working group; Larry will recruit other participants through the Hanover Garden Club and other means.

Susan read a set of demands from Dartmouth regarding the Community Yard Sale for things such as traffic cones and radio communication devices. Julia will respond and negotiate what the College and the Town will provide.

Yolanda has discussed a fall energy workshop with Bob Walker, in which he would present the two-hour version of the 15 minute presentation he made at a Solarize Hanover event earlier this year. The Committee decided to have such a workshop on October 8 or 15. David will contact Liberty Utilities for information on the New Hampshire rebates for energy audits.

Prepared by Larry Litten.