

Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2015

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

Phone-in: Marjorie Rogalski,

To-dos from the meeting

Peter will continue working on our Green Power Community renewal, including contact with institutional partners to assure that they are engaged in the process.

Julia will find out from Jonathon Brush when the schools' energy contract is up for renewal; will draft an RFP for offering certified green power to residents; will send an item for the school principals' e-letter regarding Solarize results and other upcoming energy initiatives; will draft an RFP for the provision of certified green power to residents.

Chris will research which organizations in Concord can help us with the next phases of our green energy initiative.

Yolanda, Marjorie, and Julia will continue working with the Dartmouth consulting team on green power marketing.

David will contact EPA to request help in identifying or creating a model for community purchases of green power or RECs.

Susan will contact Listen about how we can help promote their textile recycling.

Agenda

Approve January minutes

Solarize wrap up

Green Power Community re-up

 ENH Green Power Strategy sessions with Dartmouth Consulting Group

 Renewable Choice showing interest in rolling out residential REC program

Recycling Committee update

Other 2015 projects - Community Solar, Garden Club Greenhouse etc.

Meeting

Julia reported on her update from Kim Quirk, the Solarize contractor for Hanover: permitting is proceeding at about 5 per week; a meeting between the installation teams and town building/zoning personnel will occur next week; rebate applications are beginning.

Peter will work on the Green Power Community renewal, including contact with institutional partners. Julia: the town will purchase RECs again, hopefully buying more this year.

Yolanda: we are moving to Part 2 of our town energy initiative (post Solarize)—helping residents purchase green power or RECs. The Dartmouth consulting group will produce prototype marketing materials. David: we should use the Solarize model—ask three vendors to bid on providing green power options. Questions to be asked: can you provide certified green power? how long can a sign-up period be, given the volatility of the market? Julia will draft an RFP.

Chris: Keene has received an EPA Energy Leadership award; their program is focused on municipal power purchases (100% renewable). Chris will explore organizations in Concord that might help us develop a community green power program. David will ask EPA for help identifying model green power communities, or for help creating our own program. Julia: goal is to have a town Website by this summer where residents can sign-up for green power or RECs.

Chris: we need to get the schools engaged with green power. Julia will find out from Jonathon Brush when the schools' energy contract is up for renewal.

Julia will send an item for the school principals' e-letter describing the results of Solarize Hanover and presenting the other energy initiatives on which we are working.

Susan on recycling: C. Frye is investigating another crafts recycling event this spring in Tracy Hall, perhaps including some types of equipment. Longacres' exploration of pot recycling continues. Marjorie: the Lebanon Landfill has identified a destination for large plastic items, but needs someone or some group to organize and manage periodic collections.

Julia: textiles donated to Listen that cannot be sold to the public are sold to a rag collector. Susan will contact Listen to determine how SH might promote this program.

Julia: the Hartford waste facility is refurbishing its hazardous waste collection facility to permit more frequent collections. The Regional Planning Group had a visit scheduled to the Chittenden County compost facility, but it has been postponed.

Jenna Musco described a plethora of sustainability initiatives at Dartmouth including first-year Eco Reps, sophomore/junior Ecovate interns (designers of sustainability innovations), and sustainability careers panels.

Chris has researched towns that have sustainability-oriented master plans.

Larry described the imminent plans to install a temporary greenhouse at Hanover High.

The January minutes were approved.

Prepared by Larry Litten.