

Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2015

Members attending: Yolanda Baumgartner, Julia Griffin (Town Manager) Chris Kennedy, Peter Kulbacki (Department of Public Works), Larry Litten, David McManus (chair), Jenna Musco (Dartmouth College).

Phone-in: Marjorie Rogalski,

Phone-in guests: Sarah Simonds (Vital Communities), Kim Quirk (Energy Emporium)

To-dos from the meeting

Peter will arrange to have the Solarize thermometer at town hall updated and deadline e-mail to program proposal recipients. He will contact George Murphy to find out about promoting textile recycling at the Lebanon Landfill.

Julia will place transaction ads for Solarize Hanover in the Valley News.

Yolanda, Marjorie, and Julia will be the contacts for the Dartmouth consulting team.

Agenda

Approve minutes

Review status of Solarize Hanover Program and specify next steps

Reports from members on recycling initiatives

Meeting

December minutes approved.

Phone call reviewed the status of Solarize Hanover Program and discussed the final 10 days of the program, beginning with Q&A session in the evening of the meeting day. We shall have more transaction ads, e-mails to people in the Energy Emporium spreadsheet regarding the deadline, follow-up calls by committee members. If necessary, the committee can decide whether to provide any exceptions to the deadline in order to achieve Tier 3 pricing. A final conference call will take place on 1/28.

Peter reported that we continue to study the possibility of community solar at the water treatment plant.

Julia reported that Dartmouth students from the Rockefeller Institute have been engaged to help design a marketing plan for our upcoming initiative to promote green power (RECs) to town residents. **Yolanda, Marjorie, and Julia** will be the contacts for this team.

Jenna reviewed current sustainability initiatives at Dartmouth College, including workshops on sustainable design, internships, a Sustainability in Business Panel (2/23), two Sustainability Solutions cafes (the first on 2/10), an interim year at the Organic Farm following the retirement of its director to determine its future direction, and \$100,000 in grants to individuals and groups on campus for sustainability initiatives.

Susan reported on discussions between the Recycling Sub-committee and Longacres Nursery regarding #5 pot recycling. The future of this initiative is uncertain because of a change of ownership of the destination facility for the pots and the imposition of onerous fees. Textiles are recyclable at the Lebanon landfill, but it is not apparent where to do it, perhaps because it is considered an experimental program. **Peter** will contact George Murpray to find out whether he would endorse our advertising this recycling option.

Larry reported on the project to relocate the Hanover Garden Club greenhouse to Hanover High for use by the high school, the garden club, and the town's summer recreation program at the Black Center. The focus at the moment is on temporary structures that will allow each organization to experiment with their respective programs in this location and with means of collaboration; the structures would be available to be moved to other district schools when a permanent sustainable greenhouse is built.

Prepared by Larry Litten.