

Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2016

Members attending: Stowe Bean (via phone), Mary Ann Cadwallader, Mary Donin, Chris Kennedy, Peter Kulbacki (Public Works), Rob Houseman (Planning & Zoning), Marjorie Rogalski, Jenna Musco (Dartmouth College).

Guests: Judi Colla (Ready for 100, UVSC)

Agenda

Approval of August minutes

Susan: Report on Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale

Marjorie: Update on Green Power Challenge renewal/expansion

Peter: Composting

Peter: Municipal Solar Installations

Discussion with new P&Z Director, Rob Houseman

Marjorie Rogalski presiding.

Minutes

Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Town-Wide Yard Sale

In Susan's absence, Marjorie shared an email from Susan with figures from the sale:

They took in \$2620 before expenses.

Expenses were:

Towing \$112.50

Transaction ad \$132.00

Portable toilets 280.00

\$524.50 total expenses

Profit to date is \$2095.50

There was a question about why SHC paid for towing instead of the car's owner?

Marjorie read several congratulatory and positive emails Susan received from vendors at the sale, commenting that it was well-organized, registration and parking were easy and the volunteers helpful.

Recycling/Casella

Peter updated us that Julia has signed an amended contract with Casella to have them do pick-up only of recyclables; the town will purchase our own trailers and haul to a market of our choosing. This will be more cost effective for the town. Also having discussions with Lebanon and Hartland to consider doing this regionally.

Green Power Challenge Renewal/Expansion

After discussion, the committee voted to renew a contract with Spark Energy, our new green energy supplier who bought ENH. The contract must provide both current and new enrollees with the same price per hour and the same November timing for signing the contract. As with the current contract, ENH will provide 100% Green-e Certified renewable energy, requested to be provided by 50% NH wind power and 50% from national sources. Sarah Simonds Brock of Vital Communities is enthusiastic about this plan and has contacts set up to work around the region to recruit both new enrollees and renewals.

Composting

Work on composting will be postponed until Oct./Nov. so committee members can work on the Green Power Challenge renewal. Stowe is waiting to hear back from the Regional Planning Commission. Peter K suggested the sub-committee work with Marc Morgan of the Lebanon Transfer Station as he's very familiar with the stringent regulatory issues regarding food composting.

Scheduling of SHC meetings

Chris requested that SHC use a calendar program to schedule our meetings for the whole committee as well as the subcommittees.

Discussion with Rob Houseman, Planning and Zoning.

Rob Houseman, the new Director of Planning and Zoning asked about the goals and mission of the SHC and a variety of members reviewed our past work and strategies. He agreed with Chris K that the Master Plan needs to be reviewed and updated with regard to sustainability but also recognized that this is a long-term goal.

Dartmouth College Irving Institute

Jenna Musco spoke about the current Task Force on Sustainability and the new endowment from Irving Oil to create an Institute on Energy. Judi C expressed strong concern that funding provided by a fossil fuel company would go towards renewable energy research. She cited strong frustration from the community that the College is still using #6 oil as the main fuel. Jenna stated that the money was received in endowment form and thus would have no guidelines imposing favorability toward fossil fuels and reiterated that the College continues to work to eliminating the use of #6 oil.

Prepared by Mary Donin.