

Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting Minutes

February, 2016

Members attending: Mary Donin, Susan Edwards, Julia Griffin (Town Manager), Chris Kennedy, Larry Litten, David McManus (chair), Jenna Musco.

Guest: Judi Colla (Sierra Club)

To-dos from the meeting

Chris will file the Strong Towns application

Someone will talk to Mark Morgan about recycling plastic bags.

Meeting

Agenda

Approve January's Minutes
Strongtowns - Chris K
Forum & 100% Renewable Energy proposal - Judi
Net metering/Solar, C-Pace - Julia & Peter?
Recycling - Susan
Landscape - Larry
Dartmouth updates - Jenna

January minutes

The January minutes were approved.

Strong Towns Competition

Chris went through the application for the Strong Towns competition for recognition by the organization. Committee members suggested content. Chris will file the application.

Forum on a 100% renewables future.

Judi Colla reviewed the forum on a 100% renewables future and said that the local Sierra Club is likely to get a grant from NextGen via the national Sierra Club to engage in local education and lobbying regarding renewable energy.

Net-metering hearing in Concord

Julia reported that a higher cap for net-metering has support in the New Hampshire Senate. The conversation now moves to the House where support is less likely from the Science and Technology Committee

Recycling

Julia reported that the town is exploring an option for community document shredding.

Susan reported that the community yard sale is in jeopardy due to the use of the parking lot where it has been held for construction vehicles that will be involved in the reconstruction of the Hood Museum at Dartmouth College

Marc Morgan at the Lebanon Landfill will be engaged in a conversation about recycling plastic bags. The Japanese machine that converts plastic bags back to petroleum was mentioned as an attractive development (Susan subsequently sent a link to a video on the process.)

Landscape Working Group

The Hanover Garden Club was asked to consider partnering with Sustainable Hanover in developing demonstration sites for sustainable landscaping; they said they would have to discuss the proposal. The working group was meeting the day following the SHC meeting to begin detailed planning for a demonstration garden on the former community center site on School Street. Volunteers will be recruited via the Hanover and Hanover Garden Club e-mail lists for members of a SWAT (Sustainable Works Around Town) team that will help build demonstration gardens.

Dartmouth Activities

Jenna reported that the College and Our Savior Lutheran Church are collaborating on a symposium on Changing Climate / Changing Minds to be held on April 8 and 9.

Submitted by Larry Litten