

## **Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting Minutes**

April 20, 2016

Members attending: Yolanda Baumgartner, Mary Ann Cadwallader, Mary Donin, Susan Edwards, Julia Griffin (Town Manager), Chris Kennedy, Peter Kulbacki (Public Works), Larry Litten, David McManus (chair), Jenna Musco (Dartmouth College), Marjorie Rogalski.

Guests: Judy Colla (Upper Valley Sierra Club), Allyson Samuell (NextGen)

### **To-dos from the meeting**

### **Agenda**

- Approve Feb & March Minutes
- Climate justice rally at Dartmouth on April 30th - Allyson
- Recycling Update - Susan
- Landscape Working Group Update - Larry
- Net metering in NH update, Solar Site Visit, Community Solar - Peter et al
- Town water bottle fill station and fountain installation. Possibility of hard plastic bi-annual collection in coordination with Mark Morgan/Lebanon Transfer Station - Marjorie
- New chair position open still open

### **Minutes**

The minutes from the February and March meetings were approved.

### **Sustainable Landscapes**

Larry reported that the Sustainable Landscapes Working Group will meet in the evening of April 20 for a site visit at the proposed School Street park and a subsequent planning charrette. Larry will circulate a description of the proposed plan for multiple demonstration sites in Hanover, and seek the Committee's advice regarding the plan and its adoption.

### **Recycling**

Susan reported that the Recycling Sub-committee's monthly collection of plant pots has been terminated due to a lack of a suitable destination for the pots. The Yard sale is on for September 3; discussion regarding food concessions continues. The Committee approved the purchase of T-shirts for volunteers at the event. A paper shredding event will be discussed at the next sub-committee meeting.

The Website pages for recycling need to be updated when the upgraded Town Website system is in place.

### **Site visit for a Town/Community solar installation**

Peter reported that members of the SHC visited the proposed site for a solar array that would initially power the water treatment facility. Although it would require the clearing of undeveloped land, the site is not suitable for buildings and is currently infested with invasive buckthorn, which would be extremely difficult to eradicate. The environmental cost of clearing forested land was discussed, along with the possibility of requiring that future installations that require the clearing of land be weighed against the cost of building on already developed land.

### **Sierra Club 100% renewables project**

Judy Colla reported on her attendance at a training session in San Francisco for the 100% renewables campaign. The steering committee for the local 100% renewables campaign will meet on April 29. The Sierra Club is giving attention to the relationship between renewables and socio-economic diversity, especially the benefits for all socio-economic groups.

### **Dartmouth climate change demonstration**

A demonstration will occur on Tuck Drive on April 30 on urging Dartmouth to divest of non-renewable energy investments and the college and the town to become 100% renewable energy. The Committee voted to become a co-sponsor of this event, and to explore having a table at the event.

### **Water fountain for hikers and visitors**

A proposal for a water fountain on Main Street that would discourage the use of disposable water bottles was tabled.

### **Accessory dwelling regulations**

The state has modified regulations on accessory dwellings. Chris suggested that the Town consider adoption of these regulations with even more sustainability oriented modifications.

### **Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy - C-PACE**

The last warrant article for the May 10 Town Meeting is approval of authority to implement C-PACE in Hanover. Committee members are urged to come sufficiently fortified to the meeting to stick it out to the end of the meeting in order to vote for this initiative.

### **Committee Chair**

Someone needs to step forward to assume the role of chair of the Sustainable Hanover Committee.

Prepared by Larry Litten.