

Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting Minutes

June 15 2016

Members attending: Yolanda Baumgartner, Mary Ann Cadwallader, Susan Edwards, Julia Griffin (Town Manager), Peter Kulbacki (Public Works), Larry Litten, Marjorie Rogalski.

Guests: Judi Colla (Upper Valley Sierra Club)

To-dos from the meeting

Peter will continue to negotiate with Casella on the curbside program and explore the implementation of dual-stream and rolling totes.

Julia will facilitate a meeting on the Ready for 100 campaign with Dartmouth.

Agenda

Approval of May Minutes

Yolanda: renewal of Green Power Commitment through ENH.

Yolanda: update re Sullivan Report on Town Emissions.

Julia: update re new Director of Planning and C-Pace

Susan: recycling efforts;

Pete- any update on the Town's curbside recycling?

Pete: Municipal solar update.

Larry: landscaping project update

Chris: update re UVLSRPC

Susan: finalize retreat details--can anyone else provide refreshments? How can we help?

Discussion re Retreat: suggested items for itinerary? Invitation to new Director of Planning?

Judi Colla--Ready for 100 update.

Marjorie Rogalski presiding

The committee thought good thoughts for the success of Mary Donin's surgery, and her rapid recovery.

Minutes

The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Website

Yolanda offered two options for regularly updating our updated Website: A. Each person who leads an SHC initiative will update appropriate sections as appropriate, B. Mary Donin, who has volunteered to provide updates to Adrian will glean her information from reports at our regular meetings. The committee elected to implement Option B, with area leaders having the option to send updates to Adrian should Mary not be able to do so.

Hanover Green Energy Challenge

Yolanda reported a conversation with the representative from ENH, our green energy supplier, in which she learned the following: ENH has been purchased by Spark Energy, but no policies or practices will change; the donation to CHAD from our last round of contracts has not been made, but will be by August.

The SHC's energy subgroup will meet to discuss marketing, rates, and contract length for the renewal of our contracts that will have to occur in November.

Sullivan Energy Report

The committee elected to replicate the report by Charles Sullivan on municipal energy consumption produced in 2008. Professor Sullivan has offered the analytic tools that he created to the committee. The SHC energy sub-group will meet with him to discuss the implementation of this project.

Director of Planning

The town is working out the details of an offer to a new Director of Planning.

C-PACE

The Jordan Institute is eager to implement the process for C-PACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy) in Hanover, the first town to approve the program. The contract has been reviewed by Hanover's attorney, and letters of invitation will be sent to local businesses shortly.

Recycling

No new news from the recycling sub-committee. Residents are being urged to take their used garden pots to the Hanover Garden Club plant yard at the water reclamation facility.

Peter has had a conversation with Casella, indicating that Hanover is interested in curbside pick-up only when our contract is renewed, with hauling to a storage area at Public Works, from where the town will haul materials to their destinations, with the help of NRRA in finding markets. We have the option to collect dual stream at some point, in view of the return on separated paper. We should also explore the purchase/subsidization of rolling totes, which could be more easily loaded onto the curbside trucks.`

Landscape

Larry reported that the high school has not engaged with the garden club on a greenhouse at the high school since they displayed the elaborate architect's drawings in February, in spite of a request for an update. The garden club has begun exploration of its own greenhouse at the water treatment facility by contacting a New Hampshire greenhouse manufacturer.

The sustaining landscapes sub-group will meet with town staff to discuss the School Street park on June 22, and hopes to hold meetings with neighbors in July.

Municipal solar

Peter walked the Trescott property with representatives of Dartmouth College, who are interested in installing a solar array there.

Ready for 100

Judi Colla reported on the progress of the Sierra Club's Ready for 100 (renewable energy) program for Hanover, and eventually the Upper Valley. Training from the national organization has been given to local activists. Peter Kulbacki, Julia Griffin, and Yolanda Baumgartner, will attend a national training event in July in San Francisco. The local campaign plan is on its 5th revision. Grassroots tabling at public events will begin in July. Julia will facilitate a meeting with Dartmouth College. Marjorie suggested a meeting with the Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

Prepared by Larry Litten.