

Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting Minutes

March 2016

Members attending: Yolanda Baumgartner, Mary Donin, Susan Edwards, Julia Griffin (Town Manager), Chris Kennedy, Peter Kulbacki, David McManus (chair), Jenna Musco.

Guest: Judi Colla (Sierra Club)

Meeting

Agenda

Approve February minutes

Landscape & Strong Towns – Chris

Recycling – Susan

Green Power – Yolanda & Judi

Solar Net Metering – Peter

C-Pace – Julia

February minutes

Forgot to do this.

Dartmouth Activities

Jenna has learned that parking for the Hood renovation in the Dewey Field lot will *not* interfere with the community yard sale. She is working on getting approvals from the necessary college departments.

The Changing Climate Changing Minds symposium will take place on April 8 and 9th. Open to the public.

A tour of the organic farm's Maple Sugarbush will take place on Monday, March 21st from 12:00pm to 1:30pm. All welcome.

Earth Week will be April 18-22. Earth Day will be Friday the 22nd.

Upper Valley Sierra Club

Judi is still waiting to receive the grant money from the national organization.

She will be attending the meeting of the steering committee for 100% Renewable by 2050. There was a planning meeting last week of Energy & Climate – Upper Valley. Discussed ways to get more people involved.

Landscape Working Group

Chris described the charrette planned for a weekday afternoon at the end of April to study the School Street space. There are students possibly interested in participating in planning and/or implementation.

Hanover did not make the final 16 cut in the Strong Towns competition. He recommended going to their website and voting before the end of March.

Green Power

Yolanda reported that renewal of our enrollment with ENH Power will likely come in October.

She suggested we schedule a visit to the community solar site on the Trescott Water Supply lands when mud season has passed. April?

Net metering Legislation – Report from Peter

Bill to raise the cap to 75MW approved by the NH house and now goes on to the Senate.

Tariff rates likely to be adjusted but as yet to be determined how they'll be changed

Recycling

Susan reported that there may not be any further pot collections at Longacres as they are going to require checking the recycle number of all the pots that are collected. She is going to confirm with Lebanon landfill that they will accept all plastic pots, regardless of recycle number. She will also check to see if Casella will accept the pots.

Best Buy accepts electronics but there is a \$25 fee for some items.

Still researching to see what happens to clothing/textiles that are donated to LISTEN.

CFs are accepted at the Lebanon landfill.

Mascoma Bank may host another paper shredding event in April.

The town has told Casella they will not be renewing as of July 1. Peter is studying alternative recycling options and the economics of those options. He will have an update at the next mtg.

Town Meeting prep has Julia fully focused. Nothing to report.

David asked for brief summaries from subcommittees to insert in the Town Report.

New Chair

David wishes to step down as chair and asked for nominations.