

Lenox Environmental Committee

Minutes of meeting: January 2, 2017

Present: Eric Federer, Harriet Wetstone, David Rimmmler, Susan May, Suky Werman, Neil Purdy

HW made a motion to accept the minutes of the LEC Dec. 5, 2016 meeting. SW seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

There was discussion of the items still to be done regarding the Styrofoam and plastic bag ban. EF reported they need to pare down the list of suitable alternatives to Styrofoam. SW will get a list of Lenox hotels, inns, B&B's, and other hospitality contacts so they can alert out-of-town visitors to bring their own bags. Information could also be posted on the town's website. Identify businesses that are not members of Lenox COC and have not gotten fact sheets. A reminder about June 10 could be added to the next water bill insert. Other ideas were to place countdown signs at Town Hall and to contact the Berkshire Eagle again closer to June 10.

SM reported that the NEGEF grant was not approved. EF asked if we can use the \$750 from the small-scale DEP grant instead. He will check on this. SM said another option was to bring the idea to a 350.org meeting as they have a Berkshire "node" or chapter. She will ask if they are interested in helping to bring Berkshire Green Communities together. SM will send an email to LEC members about 350.org state goals for 2017.

EF said he will get together with Jim Wilusz to work out regulations for recycling.

EF suggested we could work on LEC goals at a regular meeting; it's not necessary to schedule a separate meeting for planning goals.