

Lenox Environmental Committee

Minutes of meeting: April 4, 2016

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

Others: Ken Fowler, Kate McNulty-Vaughan

EF gave an update on the Styrofoam and plastic bag reductions. Lenox and Stockbridge are working with the Tritown Board of Health. Lenox will not be taking the issue to Town Meeting. Lee has a select board member who is opposed and is trying to write an addition to the bylaw that will make it less effective. The team is close to writing the bylaws and the next step is for the BOH to approve them. They will set a Public Hearing date for sometime in May. From then on, the clock will be ticking towards the implementation date. The BOH will have flexibility to change something in the future if needed.

EF and DR met with Karen Leger-Romeo from the Evergreen Committee at the high school. EF compiled some resources to use with students. The Superintendent, Tim Lee, wants to promote recycling at the school. They installed two hydration stations where students can fill water bottles.

The *Bag It* film will be shown again for the public on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at Saint Ann's Church.

EF will be writing another grant for \$750 with a June 30, 2016 deadline. The grant money can be used for composting bins, kitchen scrap buckets, reusable bags, etc. SW will research bags made by Guido's and Blue Q. HW will look into Chico bags that are made of nylon.

Gwen Miller is looking for volunteers to help remove invasive Hardy Kiwi from Kennedy Park. The date will be set when the Hardy Kiwi leaves start to appear.

KF gave an update on solar. Representatives from Lenox and Lee met to discuss the Schaffer Maudsley site. Lenox will be getting 20% of the solar power generated.

LEC Minutes from February, 2106 were read. NP made a motion to approve. SW seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Kate McNulty-Vaughan provided information about the *Fix It Fair* scheduled for April 23, 2016. It will be at the Lenox Community Center, from 1:00-4:00 PM. They need volunteers who can do woodworking, fix toys, lamps, vacuum cleaners and other household items. Repairing broken items keeps them out of the waste stream. HW made a motion for the LEC to support the *Fix It Fair*. NP seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

