

Lenox Environmental Committee



Minutes of meeting: July 6, 2016

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

Others: Nancy Nylan

Condolences to David Rimmler who is with his family in Arizona.

HW made a motion to accept the minutes from June 6, 2016. SW seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

EF called Matt Chester about the draft letter for the Stockbridge Bowl but has not gotten a reply as yet.

EF brought 52 of the reusable bags to the food pantry at the Lenox Community Center and another 50 to the Methodist Church. A decision has to be made as to where the remaining bags will be distributed.

Jamie Cahillane thought Tanglewood might begin composting this season but it isn't.

LEC must decide how to spend the 2016-2017 grant money from the DEP.

Nancy Nylan of CET provided a recap of the steps being taken to bring Berkshire County Green Committees together. There was a review of the proposed grant application to New England Grassroots Environment Fund written by CET interns. LEC members discussed what they want to do and NN will revise the grant application. We want to survey the Green Committees to find out what they are doing, what their successes are and where they might need help. SM envisioned having a forum to bring representatives of the committees together for networking, information and discussion. HW would prefer to have a website or webinar with the information. EF said that the MA Green Network wants to expand. When Berkshire Regional Planning Commission wrote the Sustainable Berkshires Plan, it stated that it should support Green Communities and sharing information.

EF would like to have LEC sit down as a group in one of the fall meetings and talk about what we want to do and set priorities.

NN will send an updated draft of the grant application. A subcommittee will get together to discuss.

There was no solar update.