

Lenox Environmental Committee

Minutes of meeting: September 12, 2016

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

Two corrections were made to the minutes from the August 1, 2016 meeting. The correct spellings of names are: Jim Wilusz and Matt Chester.

EF will meet with Jim Wilusz and David Rimmler to write the water bill inserts and will bring them to October's meeting. The Select Board needs to approve the inserts.

SM will contact Nancy Nysten for instructions on submitting the NEGEF grant application. It must be submitted electronically by a LEC member.

SM will be going to a meeting of green committees in Franklin County (FCROG) to research their model for countywide information sharing and networking. Another group, Mass Green Network, is trying to develop a statewide network and has a Face book site.

No solar update.

The water bottles and hydration station project is currently on hold. There has been an issue with water quality in some faucets at Morris School. A grant application was submitted but we haven't heard the outcome yet. EF will follow up with the Superintendent of Schools.

Three students expressed interest in attending LEC meetings but couldn't make this evening's meeting. EF will follow up with Karen Romeo-Leger.

LEC will wait before scheduling its planning session until we hear about the NEGEF grant.

There was a discussion about distributing more tasks amongst LEC members. The subject will be discussed further at the Oct meeting. There may be a state ban on Styrofoam and plastic bags but it will probably not be as strict as the Lenox ban and we will still have work to do on implementing the ban.

SM will contact Martha Joiner at the Lenox Housing Authority to ask about distributing the reusable bags to public housing residents.

NP made a motion to approve the minutes from August 1, 2016 with corrections for two spellings above. SW seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

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