

Lenox Environmental Committee

Minutes of meeting: August 7, 2017

Present: Eric Federer, Susan May, Carolyn Butler, Harriet Wetstone

Others Present: Ken Fowler

Neil Purdy submitted his resignation letter.

Volunteers are requested for Lee Founders' Days, Sept 15 - 16, to assist in creating a zero-waste festival.

The next LEC meeting would fall on the Monday of the Labor Day holiday. Committee members agreed to change the date for the Sept meeting to Monday, Sept 11.

CB made a motion to approve minutes from the July 10, 2017 meeting. HW seconded the motion and it was approved.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing planning items. See notes below prepared by EF.

LEC Planning Session, August 7, 2017 Summary

I. MARKETING

A. Promote and raise awareness of LEC's efforts and accomplishments and increase Town participation in LEC activities, including boosting Committee membership. (CB)

Timeframe: Ongoing

B. LEC Newsletter (HW)

-Monthly or Quarterly

-Web, mailed or both

-“Green” education

-COC tie-in? (Weekly Blasts)

Timeframe: Ongoing

II. EDUCATION

A. Public recycling education (CB)

Timeframe: Ongoing

III. Waste Reduction, Enforcement/Action (CB)

A. Separating recycling from trash

B. Composting

Timeframe: Long Term, Ongoing

IV. Cleaner Energy/Energy Reduction

A. Invite Lenox's "Green Communities" representative, Jim Barry, to attend LEC meeting. (SM)

-Discuss grant opportunities and other incentives for Lenox

Timeframe: Short Term and Ongoing

B. Explore LED lighting and/or other efficient lighting alternatives to current (SM)

Timeframe: Medium Term

C. Conduct feasibility study to explore possible residential solar array at capped landfill (KF, EF)

-Work with Beth Greenblatt, Solar Consultant

Timeframe: Long Term

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D. Encourage visibility and use of hybrid and electric vehicles (SM) [Could also be education initiative]

-Test-drive event (Coordinate with Lenox CoC)

-vehicles and education from outside vendor

-Lenox to publicize and host

-Map/Information: identify charging stations in Town

Timeframe: Short Term, Ongoing? (i.e. annual event)

V. Recycling/Trash

A. Improve recycling practices by trash haulers (NP) [See also education]

Timeframe: Long Term

VI. State Lobbying

A. Work with Smitty, Adam Hinds, etc. and MA State Legislature to empower MA Towns (not State) to regulate neonicotinoid (NN) pesticides (EF)

B. Ban use of NN's in Lenox

Timeframe: Long Term

VII. Transportation

Free bus rides in Town (JC) [Ken Fowler to explore]

Timeframe: ?

VIII. Random

- A. Repair Cafes
- B. Town Rain Garden
- C. Roadside Clean up (Start with Earth Day?)
- D. Zero-Waste Town Events
- E. Expand and Support "Table to Farm"

(Please note that both of Jamie's proposed agenda items came via text, and I don't have any others details regarding these items at this time.)