

Lenox Environmental Committee

Minutes of meeting: July 10, 2017

Present: Eric Federer, Susan May, Carolyn Butler, Dave Rimmler, Neil Purdy

Others Present: Ken Fowler

NP is resigning from the LEC as he is moving to Stockbridge. That will create a vacancy on the committee. KF will tell BOS we have an opening.

EF announced that at the next LEC meeting on August 7 we will discuss and prioritize action items generated at today's meeting.

The following is a summary of items suggested at the meeting, prepared by EF.

LEC Planning Session, July 10, 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. Decrease carbon emissions (HW)

- “Idle-Free” Education
- “Policing?”

Timeframe: Ongoing

B. Public recycling education (CB)

Timeframe: Ongoing

III. Waste Reduction, Enforcement/Action (CB)

- A. Separating recycling from trash
- B. Composting

Timeframe: Long Term, Ongoing

- C. Phase out plastic drinking containers from vending machines, exclusive of H2O (DR)
- D. Ban plastic drinking straws in Town (DR)

Timeframe (both): Medium to Long Term

III. Waste Reduction Continued:

- E. Ban bottled H2O in "Town" of Lenox (Municipal/Schools) (EF)

Timeframe: Medium to Long Term

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

- 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)

E. Solar power tax benefits and incentives for new commercial construction and/or major renovations (DR)

-Building code revisions/bylaws?

V. Recycling/Trash

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

Timeframe: Long Term

V. Recycling/Trash Continued

B. Town trash hauling contract (JC)

-Include trash, recycling, food waste

Timeframe: Long Term

VI. State Lobbying

A. Work with Smitty, Adam Hinds, etc. and MAS 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)

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.)

(LEC Planning Session 7.10.2017)

From: Neil Purdy npurdy@san.rr.com
Subject: RE: August LEC Meeting
Date: August 1, 2017 at 6:53 PM
To: Eric Federer doclite@gmail.com

Dear Eric,

As we discussed at last month's meeting, I have very much enjoyed working with the Lenox Environmental Committee this past year and half. However, because my wife and I are moving to Stockbridge, I have decided that it is time for me to resign my position on the Committee (effective immediately). This will allow me additional time to get involved in our new town of Stockbridge.

Thanks again Eric. It has been a pleasure working with you and the rest of the members of the Environmental committee.

Best,

Neil D. Purdy
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-----Original Message-----

From: Eric Federer [<mailto:doclite@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Susan May; Suky Werman; hswetstone; Carolyn Butler (pineneedles21@roadrunner.com); David Rimmler; Neil Purdy; Jamie Cahillane; Kenneth Fowler---
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