

Lenox Environmental Committee

Minutes of meeting: February 5, 2018

Present: Carolyn Butler, Eric Federer, Suki Werman, Mark Pignatelli, Susan May

Acceptance of minutes from January 8, 2018 LEC meeting were tabled for lack of committee members' quorum present at both meetings.

SM gave an update on Berkshire County green news:

- Great Barrington has been chosen for a pilot project based on the Mass Solarize program to promote residential energy efficiency. They will focus on having people get home energy audits and follow up on recommendations, and promoting air source heat pumps.
- There will be a Berkshire Earth Expo on Sat. April 21 at the Stationery Factory in Dalton.

SW provided information on the Columbia students doing a sustainability study on Lenox. They will be meeting Friday morning, Feb. 23, with Gwen Miller, LEC committee members, and other town staff. Gwen will be updating Lenox's master plan to 2025. SW and CB also met with consultants creating a historic preservation plan.

There was discussion of LEC calendar for 2018 meetings. The July meeting has been changed to Mon. July 9 to avoid the July 4 holiday, and Mon. Sept 10 instead of Labor Day weekend.

CB will wait until more members are present to review projects for 2018.

There was a discussion of the Housatonic PCB issue as the ruling came down last week for GE's appeal. GE will not have to move contaminated material out of state and wants to create a site along the Housatonic, possibly in Lenox Dale.

The Lenox solar arrays will be online soon.