

Sustainability Committee  
Meeting Minutes – May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Location: West Boylston Town Offices 127 Hartwell Street, Meeting Room 1

Attendees: Ms. Diana Engelbart, Mr. Marc Frieden, Mr. Andy Sontag

Others: Brenda Bowman, Jason Kunst

The meeting convened at 6:05 p.m.

Ms. Engelbart called the meeting to order

Mr. Sontag made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 meeting with the correction of misspellings of names for Ms. Engelbart and Mr. Frieden. Second by Mr. Frieden. All in favor.

Ms. Engelbart made a motion to create a mission for the Sustainability Committee. The motioned mission is as follows: “The Sustainability Committee is established to advise the Town Administrator, Board of Selectman and Town Meeting on policies, programs, and issues promoting environmental sustainability in the Town of West Boylston”. Second by Mr. Frieden. All in favor.

Ms. Engelbart made a motion to create a common sustainability definition to help guide the Sustainability Committee. The motioned definition is as follows: “Sustainability is commonly defined as that which meets the need of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” Second by Mr. Frieden. All in favor.

Ms. Engelbart made a motion to create a set of objectives to help guide the Sustainability Committee. The motioned objectives are as follows:

“1) To provide leadership, technical assistance, education and outreach to members of the public, schools, local businesses, and town departments on innovative programs to promote environmental sustainability through energy conservation, solid waste reduction and recycling, water conservation, pollution prevention, transportation efficiency and other means.”

2) Review other studies and community initiatives from other towns and cities on sustainability issues

3) To become familiar with the principles of ‘smart growth’ and advise the town on smart growth initiatives as they may related to the promotion of sustainability in West Boylston

4) Provide advice to the Municipal Building Committee(s) on alternative energy projects

Second by Mr. Sontag. All in favor.

Ms. Engelbart led a discussion around prioritization of the initial projects suggested by the committee members. Ms. Engelbart recommended that the committee post the projects on the online document website, prioritize them and bring the list for review at the next meeting.

Ms. Engelbart led a discussion around interaction with other town committees and how to prioritize meetings with them. Ms. Engelbart recommended that we bring a list of the town committees to the next meeting that committee will review

Mr. Sontag will contact Ms. Lucier in Selectmen's office to schedule the next meeting for May 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Sontag, seconded by Mr. Frieden. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Notes prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andy Sontag, Secretary, Sustainability Committee