

West Boylston Sustainability Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: October 8, 2009

Attendance: Diana Engelbart (Chairman), Marc Frieden (Vice Chair, Secretary), Jason Kunst, Brenda Bowman, Craig Gonyea, and no others

Points of Order:

- 1) Meeting brought to order
Deliberation Summary: Quorum Achieved, Meeting brought to order and led by Diana, time is 6:15
No Motion
- 2) Announcement of Andy Sontag's Resignation.
Motion: Sustainability Committee accepts the resignation of Andy Sontag.
Motion is approved
- 3) Replacement secretary.
Motion: Appoint Marc Frieden as secretary.
Motion is approved
- 4) Project List Maintenance
Documents Referenced: Project List
Deliberation Summary: The project list needs maintenance as projects are approved worked on, etc. Marc Frieden Volunteered to do this work as part of the responsibilities as secretary.
Motion: Marc Frieden to maintain the project list.
Motion is approved
- 5) Is the committee meeting its responsibilities regarding meeting minutes?
Documents Referenced: WB Taking and Approving Meeting Minutes, October 5, 2009
Deliberation summary: We need to reconcile all meeting minutes and make sure that we are current. Marc Frieden volunteered to follow up.
No Motion
- 6) EPP fair, Green Communities Conference October 27, 2009
Deliberation summary: Diana and Brenda will attend the conference and Diana will prepare a report for the committee.
No Motion

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7) How to get “Green” standards applied to new construction in town?

Documents Referenced:

various LEED documents on the web

Integrating Energy Efficiency into Affordable Housing

Webcast Q&A on EPA Local Climate and Energy Program

Deliberation Summary: The topic was introduced by Brenda. Can we as a committee introduce a new law for all new construction to be energy efficient or built to a LEED standard? The discussion continued and the question came up, “what is the mechanism to invoke such a requirement?” Marc volunteered to email Leon with a question about the mechanism or procedure to do so. Brenda has a lot of info (see referenced docs), example rules, etc and she will scan and distribute that info.

No Motion

8) West Boylston Land Trust Clean-Up Day

Deliberation summary: Brenda announced the West Boylston Land Trust Clean Up Day will be on October 24, 2009 from 9:30 to 11:00 at Pine Grove

No Motion

9) Interaction and involvement with other WB boards and committees

Deliberation Summary: Diana introduced a strategy to interact and be involved with other committees in town by joining or attending their meetings. All present informally agreed that is a good idea. Several members are already on other boards. Diana will cover “Open Space”. Brenda will cover “Open Space”, “Housing Partnership”, “Affordable Housing Trust” and “Greater Worcester Land Trust”. Jason will cover “Town Wide” and “Cable TV Advisory Committee”. Craig will cover “SWAT”. As a group we noticed that there is no coverage of Economic Development. Marc was curiously quiet.

No Motion

10) Local Information Source?

Deliberation Summary: Brenda suggested that one of the things that the committee could do is to be a source of local “green” info. Jason mentioned that websites like this exist. The difference here would be that as a committee we could put together the info and present it in the Banner, on a website, do a mailing list, etc. For example we could publish an article in the Banner analyzing local oil prices, find and publicize discounts for the elderly, etc.

No Motion

11) Suggestions for next meeting: News Articles

No Motion

12) Next Meeting

Deliberation Summary: All agreed that November 5th at 6:00 in BOS room at Town Offices was good for all. Diana would schedule the room and announcement with Nancy.

Motion: Next meeting to be November 5th at 6:00 in BOS room at Town Offices.

Motion is approved

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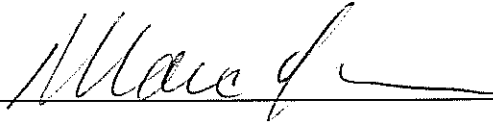
13) Adjourn

Deliberation Summary: Time is 7:15. Diana noted that the meeting was exactly 1 hour long.

Motion to adjourn

Motion is approved

Approved: _____

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