



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 14, 2024
7:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melissa Eusden, Chair
Tiana Veldwisch, Vice Chair
Robin Greenberg, Clerk
Lillian Guinther
Christina Olivieri
Steffin Spears
Julie Smith-Galvin, Town Council rep
Sharon Daly, WMGLD rep
Russell Jackson, Student Liaison
Eric Cohen, Student Liaison
Nate Chines, Youth Council rep

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chris Lewis
Amy Leeman, School Comm. rep
Ann Waitt, DPW rep proxy
Joe Conway, DPW rep
Teagon Norton, Student Liaison

----- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION -----

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m by M. Eusden.
The meeting is being recording and closed captioning is available.

Public Participation

Shyan Ong shared status of school food rescue collection.
7500 items through the end of February

Approval of Minutes

J. Smith- Galvin motioned to approve meeting minutes. R. Greenberg motion second. Motion passed to approve the meeting minutes.

MBTA 3A Multi- Family Zoning

T. Veldwisch motioned for ESC to approve a statement of support of Wakefield's proposal for compliance with MBTA 3A Multi-Family Zoning law. J. Smith-Galvin second. The committee discussed concerns about parking, impact of the Optimized Stretch Code on potential project built under 3A, and potential massing and configuration of future projects. After discussion, the committee unanimously supported a motion, see attached.

Waste Reduction Subcommittee

M. Eusden shared that a collection of batteries and plastic pet food bags are a part of State Representative Kate Lipper-Garabedian's 3rd Annual Recycling & Sustainability Day scheduled for April 6, from 10 a.m. to 1p.m., rain or shine, at Wakefield High School. ESC will be raffling a rain barrel provided by DPW.

Elementary schools started composting food trays next week.



**Community
Education &
Outreach
Subcommittee**

T. Veldwisch and R. Greenberg attended tonight's STEM event for K-5 student at Galvin School. They talked to students and parents about how they transport to school, gave away native seeds, and discussed school lunch packaging and Black Earth composting.

Future tabling events for the ESC are Festival by the Lake – June 8th and the Farmers Market - June 22nd (dated TBC). Volunteers needed.

The official theme for 2024 Earth Day is "Planet vs. Plastics." Ideas on how to celebrate are welcome.

Warrior Crew is organizing a trash pickup on Saturday, April 27th.

They are working on hosting a bee event later in this spring.

**Climate Action
Plan (CAP)
Subcommittee**

M. Eusden shared that the subcommittee is looking at other communities' CAPs. There is a state grant to support creation of decarbonization roadmap and the application is due April 12th. Application requires the town's commitment which J. Smith-Galvin will discuss with Town Council.

There was discussion of the DOER Climate Leaders program. S. Daly shared what she learned at a recent webinar.

**Green Space
Subcommittee**

No updates

**Green Business
Subcommittee**

The Green Business subcommittee is working on new approach. On Monday, they are meeting with DPW on how town can support the proposed Green Business certification program.

**School
Committee
Liaison Update**

On behalf of A. Leeman, R. Greenberg shared that the School Committee receives a Science Curriculum update to their March 26th meeting.

**Student & Youth
Council Liaisons**

N. Chines noted that the Galvin Green Team is still working to recruit more members. They hope to share info with students on what is recyclable.

**DPW Liaison
Update**

Liaison not available

**Town Council
Liaison Update**

Town Council passed the Wakefield Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. DPW budget was reviewed at Monday's meeting with lots of discussion of waste disposal costs. The waste contract renewal is in two years.

At the Spring Town Meeting, there is a citizen warrant for multifamily housing waste collection.

**WMGLD Liaison
Update**

WMGLD met with School Superintendent and other town and school leadership to talk about town's energy reduction plan and school's capital projects. They may apply grants to support the investments. Follow up meeting expected in June.

The Kenneth Chase Community Solar Program has extended the deadline for sign up to participate in the solar program until April 1st. With slots still available, they are doing another outreach to low-income customers. The PV system is installed and live. They expect to have a ribbon cutting in May.

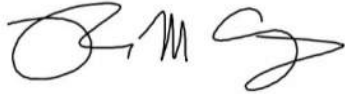
Next Meeting

The next regular Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 7:00pm.

**Committee
Meeting
Adjournment**

R. Greenberg motioned to adjourn T. Veldwisch second. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Greenberg, Clerk

Attachments: MBTA 3A Multi-Family Zoning motion



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We, the Environmental Sustainability Committee, support the proposed MBTA Communities Multi-Family Overlay District zoning bylaw put forward by the Planning Board. In particular, we support the location of this district near Wakefield Center to encourage walking, biking, and other transit around town and thus reducing reliance on single-occupancy vehicles. We support the intention to increase residential density in proximity to the Commuter Rail station and local bus stops, as a way to reduce the housing crisis without further exacerbating the climate crisis. We encourage the town to further reduce the per-unit parking requirements in the future, in order to preserve green space and optimize living space.

