



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 28, 2024
7:30 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

Environmental Sustainability Committee – Community Engagement & Outreach Subcommittee

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Tiana Veldwisch
Robin Greenberg

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Julie Smith-Galvin

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

- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m by T. Veldwisch.
The meeting is being recording and closed captioning is available.

- Approval of Minutes** Minutes from 1/31/2024 approved. Minutes from Community Education subcommittee from 12/18/23 approved.

- Public Participation** None

- Next Events** We discussed upcoming events:
 - Casual "ask a neighbor" forum about EVs and the cold – Fri March 8th at 8:30am at Brothers. To do: promote and attend
 - STEAM Night – K-4 students, at Galvin, Thur March 14 at 5:30-7pm (5pm setup). Discussed interactive activities around commuting to school, energy sources in our town. Julie has seed packets we can give away. To do: create posters and activities, print something about the anti-idling, confirm who can attend.
 - Pollinators – indoors in library, late May or June with Kathy the beekeeper. WCAT recording. Next steps: align on dates with Kathy and library/WCAT.
 - Fix-it café – Next steps: Julie to connect with Senior Center about interest and skills.
 - Earth Day – April 22 – theme is "planet vs plastic" – discussed ideas including litter pickup, plastic reduction, or plastic-repurposing in an art event. Also curate set of relevant FB posts.
 - Arbor Day – Apr 26 – discussed "post your favorite tree."
 - Festival at the Lake – June 8th 10am-4pm – To do: assess interest and availability from larger committee and sign up
 - Farmers Market – Saturdays 9am-1pm – To do: assess interest and availability from larger committee and sign up (potential date 6/22, Strawberry Festival)



- En-ROADS climate simulation – indoors or in a classroom – To do: ask the students on the larger committee about interest among high school students
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory 101 – indoors in library, potentially collaboration with WMGLD to explain about energy sources and how green is our energy. Tiana to discuss with Melissa and WMGLD.
- (from last time, not discussed) EV Business Roundtable – Next steps: engage with town (Erin K) and Chamber of Commerce, Green Business subcommittee. Probably hold until after Spring Town Meeting.
- (from last time, not discussed) Tour of Black Earth Compost - Next step: reach out for info about how to do a tour, after the new year.
- (from last time, not discussed) Food impact – something about the relative environmental impact of particular food choices. Tiana to ask Sean about potential speakers, could be indoor in library any time of year.
- (from last time, not discussed) Litter pickup – probably not host separate event but support and promote existing events. Next steps: Tiana to reach out to Wakefield Warriors and Friends of Lake Q about their events.

Engagement around MBTA Zoning question

We discussed the potential to bring a motion to the larger ESC to endorse or support the MBTA Zoning proposal that is before the Planning Board. To be discussed at the 3/14 ESC meeting and potentially voted that meeting or April meeting. Sustainability factors include walkability to transit and downtown, efficiency inherent to multi-family dwellings.

Other Channels & Media

We discussed the possibility of promoting solar by providing information about solar incentives and benefits via local roofing companies.

Next Meeting

Tentatively Wednesday, March 27, 2024 or Thursday, March 28 at 7:30pm, pending availability of members.

Topics Not Anticipated

None.

Committee Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiana Veldwisch

Attachments: -