



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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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: -