



# ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 9, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
 Rob Darnell, Chair  
 Mary Hajjar, Vice Chair  
 Robin Greenberg, Secretary  
 Suzy Veilleux, School Committee rep  
 Joe Conway, DPW Rep  
 Myra Sessions  
 Addie Festel, Student Liaison  
 Cameron Sweeney, Student Liaison  
 Liz Sheridan, Student Liaison

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**  
 Jennifer Kallay  
 Julie Smith-Galvin, Town Council Rep  
 Sophie Brown, Student Liaison

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

<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.
<b>Public Participation</b>	<p>Carol Zoubek provided an update on the efforts to restore the lawn of the First Baptist Church.</p> <p>Melissa Eusden is interested in getting a Styrofoam ban in Wakefield; a ban similar to ban that recently passed in Melrose, MA.</p>
<b>Approval of Minutes, December 2019</b>	M. Session made motion to accept the minutes for meeting, S. Veilleux seconded. All approved.
<b>ESC Events</b>	R. Darnell proposed office hours for the committee. He has reserved a room at the Americal Civic Center. The goal is to receive input on local sustainability issues from Wakefield residents and businesses representatives. The date of office hours is January 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
<b>Town Meeting</b>	R. Darnell will research how to file a request to get a warrant on a Town Meeting R. Darnell will contact Melrose Zero Waste on the language of their recent ban addressing wate.
<b>2020 Calendar</b>	Town Recycling hazardous waste, e-collection, and composting collection event is being organized for May 2, 2020.
<b>Guiding Principles</b>	Draft of the principles is with town consultant KLM for their review and offer suggestion on how to align the principles with the Wakefield Evaluation Framework. Comments are expected in a few weeks.

**Municipal Solar**

WMGLD has identified two DPW properties at Crystal Lake for a potential 25kW solar installation that would make use of a state grant. The buildings are being structurally evaluated.

**WPS Updates**

Next week is the State of School presentation by the School Superintendent. The presentation will outline the superintendent’s budget priorities.

S. Veilleux and R. Darnell are working on estimating the cost to change from styrofoam to compost trays. L Sheridan suggested that folks advocate for the high school to accommodate using reusable serving trays, utensils, etc. during the MSBA high school project.

Food Rescue and composting program expanded to the elementary started earlier this month. There has been an average of 250 items collected and composting 110 pounds a day. The funding grant covers the costs for rest of school year.



**WMGLD Update**

See Municipal Solar update above.

**DPW Update**

DPW received a state grant on Albion Street for sidewalk, walkability, street trees, and other improvements. Scope based on comments from the enVision planning process.

DPW working on a grant application for drainage and sidewalk improvements along Lake Quinnapowitt from Town Hall to Honey Dew. Grant will be submitted this spring.

J. Conway noted that there should be more street trees planted in the future through the revived town CommuniTREE Program.

<https://www.wakefield.ma.us/communitree>

**Sunrise  
Wakefield  
Hub**

A. Festel shared that on January 25, 2020, Sunrise Wakefield, a youth organization focused on addressing climate change, is hosting a launch event. Instagram: #sunrisewakefield Facebook: Sunrise Movement Wakefield

**Plastic Straw**

C. Sweeney asked about how we could limit distribution of straws at food service and other business. J. Conway suggested that it be proposed as amendment to existing town by-law on single use plastic bags. Issue will be address once committee understand the process to propose a Town Meeting warrants.

**Litter Survey**

R. Darnell noted that Litterati app tracks location and pick up litter collection. The app shows litter in Wakefield. <https://www.litterati.org/>

**Next Meeting**

The next regular Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is February 13, 2020, at 7pm at Town Hall.

**Committee  
Meeting  
Adjournment**

R. Darnell motioned to adjourn. S. Veilleux seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Robin Greenberg, Secretary

Attachments: -