



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 13, 2023
7:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melissa Eusden, Chair
Myra Sessions, Vice Chair
Robin Greenberg, Clerk
Sean Cash
Chris Lewis
Julie Smith-Galvin, Town Council rep
William Buswell, Student Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tiana Veldwisch
Dan Noren
Thomas Boettcher, WMGLD rep
Eileen Colleran, School Comm. rep
Joe Conway, DPW rep
Ann Waitt, DPW rep proxy
Fiona Recene, Student Member
Aliza Margolis, Student Member

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m by M. Eusden.
The meeting is being recording and closed captioning is available.

Public Participation

Judy Green shared that there will be a public forum April 27th @ 7pm on public space.

Approval of Minutes

M. Eusden motioned approve of the March meeting distributed. J. Smith-Galvin second. Motion passed.

Recap Recycling & Sustainability Event

M. Eusden noted that the recent Recycling & Sustainability event went well with lots of material dropped off for recycling including three large bags of Styrofoam. The Toy Swap had limited participation. Attendees expressed interest in visiting the recycling center.

Earth Day Planning

Earth Day is April 22.

Warrior Clean up event is May 20th.

Friends of Lake Quannapowitt might have a lake clean up later this month, details unknown.

Crystal Garden Club of Reading/Wakefield is interested in relocate daffodils from Head of Lake development and relocate to town public areas where site demolition is scheduled to occur in the redevelopment of the site. Taking the daffodils would



need to be coordinated with property owner and then with DPW on installation. J. Smith-Galvin will talk with Steve Maio.

S. Cash is presenting "Tempest in Your Teapot (and your wine glass and cereal bowl): Climate Change, Food Quality, and Nutrition" on May 3rd at Beebe Library.

STEAM Night Participation

May 11th is a STEAM Night, focused on elementary students, is being headed at the Galvin School. ESC will have a table. Activity ideas on waste storing activity, GHG lessons, and climate change info. Black Earth Compost might be there too.

Waste Reduction Subcommittee

M. Eusden shared that they were making a WCAT video at the Woodville School about food rescue program's success.

T. Veldwisch is working with health department on recycling at multi-family developments.

The subcommittee met with Galvin School staff to talk about recycling and maybe do waste audit and recycling challenge.

Land Protection Subcommittee

S. Cash shared that during the subcommittee is hearing a lot of public comments related to the Northeast Vocational School project. The state's MEPA Director has ruled against citizens' MEPA Fail Safe Petition and Threshold Review request.

For the town's Open Space & rec plan, there is a public survey being generated.

The town is conducting a tax title review to see what land it receives. J. Smith-Galvin wants some of the land to be put under conservation protection.

The subcommittee continues to promote the Trail Steward program. They have received a letter of interest and received an application.

Building Efficiency Subcommittee

In May and June, R. Greenberg is being invited to MEP/Sustainability user group meetings for WMHS project.

At the state level, 10th edition of building code recently passed a regulatory reviews milestone which means that the code might be approved by January 1, 2024 and required July 1, 2024

On April 26, MAPC is offering training that residents might be interested in: "Melrose, Malden, and Medford worked with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to collaboratively develop sustainable and resilient building design guidelines for residential and mixed-use developments and retrofits." See MAPC's website for more info.

ESC is looking to invite the Wakefield building inspector and MAPC for a discussion on the Opt-In code. A request to add the Opt-In code will not be on Wakefield's Spring 2023 Town Meeting.

Volunteer Coordination Subcommittee	Member not present
GHG Inventory Subcommittee	The inventory results are scheduled to be presented to Town Council on April 24 th .
Green Communities Subcommittee	J. Smith-Galvin/ Wakefield put in GC grant request to state.
Community Education Subcommittee	<p>S. Cash is presenting "Tempest in Your Teapot (and your wine glass and cereal bowl): Climate Change, Food Quality, and Nutrition" on May 3rd at Beebe Library.</p> <p>The subcommittee is trying to arrange transportation options for a field trip to recycling facility.</p> <p>T. Veldwisch is working on setting up an Instagram account for ESC.</p> <p>M. Session noted that WCAT accepts images and videos to be used meeting minutes and program. She suggested that ESC send content related to Earth Day and sustainability info to them.</p>
Student Member Update	W. Buswell shared that he is promoting S. Cash's event. The high school is recycling but volume is less than it used.
School Committee Liaison Update	Member not present
DPW Liaison Update	Member not present
Town Council (TC) Liaison Update	<p>J. Smith-Galvin, is a member of the MA Municipal Association (MMA). MMA is looking at state legislation to support paint recycling as part of ERP, Extended Producer Responsibility.</p> <p>She and R. Greenberg are members of town MBTA Communities Zoning Working Group. The group is meeting 2x per month. Communities that do not comply with the new rules could be sued by the State.</p> <p>M. Eusden will present to TC of ESC efforts from the last year at their April 24th meeting.</p> <p>April 25th is Town Election. Polls are open now at Town Hall.</p>

WMGLD Liaison Update	Member not present
Next Meeting	The next regular Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2023, at 7pm. The meeting will include new members and election of officers.
Farewell to Members	The committee thanks M. Sessions, S. Cash, and D. Noren for their service to the committee.
Committee Meeting Adjournment	J. Smith-Galvin motioned to adjoin. M. Session second. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Greenberg, Secretary

Attachments: -