



# TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 12, 2023  
7:00 P.M.  
Zoom Meeting

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melissa Eusden, Chair  
Robin Greenberg, Clerk  
Christina Olivieri  
Lillian Guinther  
Julie Smith-Galvin, Town Council rep  
Amy Leeman, School Comm. rep  
Sharon Daly, WMGLD rep  
Nate Chines, Youth Council rep

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tiana Veldwisch, Vice Chair  
Chris Lewis  
Steffin Spears  
Joe Conway, DPW rep  
Ann Waitt, DPW rep proxy

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

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m by M. Eusden.  
The meeting is being recording and closed captioning is available.

#### Public Participation

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#### Approval of September Minutes

R. Greenberg motion. J. Smith Galvin second. Motion passed to approve the September 2023 meeting minutes.

#### Specialized Energy Code

Ian Rex, a HERS rater through his company Ace Energy Services, joined the committee to talk about the Stretch Energy Code and his role as a HERS rater. The Stretch Energy Code requires new construction projects to hire a HERS rater to make sure that the design and then built construction meets the code through modeling and testing. He noted that Specialized Energy Code's requirements on use of fossil fuel addresses use for energy and hot water generator. It does not address gas cooking or gas clothing dryers.

#### ESC Policy Update

The proposal was reviewed. R. Greenberg suggested an amendment to clarify to say that at least one high school and/or middle school students in lieu of providing a maximum number of high school and/or middle school students. J. Smith-Galvin motioned. L. Guinther second. Motion approved.

#### ESC Events

Town Day event was cancelled by the town.

EV showcase is October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10am-1pm. Volunteers wanted to help at the event.



Wakefield 101 is on November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7:30pm. T. Veldwisch is available to attend and is looking for an assistant.

November 8<sup>th</sup> is the Pumpkin Compost collection. Volunteers are needed.

**Waste Reduction  
Subcommittee**

M. Eusden is getting Halloween candy wrapper collection bin again. They plan to have it at Town Hall.

The subcommittee is meeting with Chamber of Commerce tomorrow. M. Eusden is looking for assistance with getting Galvin Middle School recycling program restored.

**Building  
Efficiency  
Subcommittee**

As follow up to the September meeting, R. Greenberg shared that the library just installed its new roof. There is no word if PV is planned in the future.

WMHS project is going to the town Conservation Commission in the near future to talk about the high school project and adjacent wetland.

**GHG Inventory /  
Green  
Communities  
Subcommittee  
Community  
Education  
Subcommittee  
School  
Committee  
Liaison Update**

M. Eusden is presenting to Town Council on Monday to request a Climate Action Plan be made for the town.

L. Guinther said that the EV Showcase is getting big. They are up to 24 vehicles volunteered to participate.

A. Leeman is working with R. Greenberg about spreading the word about the pumpkin collection at the elementary schools. M. Eusden will share with her the candy wrapper info so the schools can sign up.

**DPW Liaison  
Update**

Liaison not available.

**Town Council  
Liaison Update**

J. Smith-Galvin shared that the Council will be reviewing the warrant articles, including the Specialized Energy Code, at the meeting on Monday.

**WMGLD Liaison  
Update**

S. Daly shared that WMGLD is working on setting up the info session on Community Solar Program. They are still targeting enrollment to start in January/February 2024 with a April 2024 start date.

R. Greenberg noted that during the community meeting, she suggested that the town work with WMGLD to put solar panels on the Veterans Field toilet building that is in design.

**Student Liaison**

N. Chines has no news.

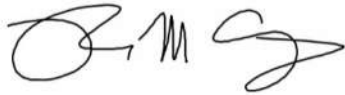
**Next Meeting**

The next regular Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 7pm.

**Committee  
Meeting  
Adjournment**

R. Greenberg motioned to adjourn. J. Smith-Galvin second. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Greenberg', written in a cursive style.

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Robin Greenberg, Clerk

Attachments: -