



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 14, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Zoom Meeting #970 1757 2152

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
 Rob Darnell, Chair
 Mary Hajjar, Vice Chair
 Robin Greenberg, Recording Secretary
 Myra Sessions
 Suzy Veilleux, School Committee rep
 Claire Moss, DPW rep
 Tom Boettcher, WMGLD rep (new appointee)
 Julie Smith-Galvin, Town Council rep
 Addie Festel, Student Liaison
 Sophie Brown, Student Liaison

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:
 Liz Sheridan, Student Liaison
 Cameron Sweeney, Student Liaison

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

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| Call to Order | The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m by R. Darnell. |
| Public Participation | Carol shared that she attended a MASS DEP Reuse/Repair webinar addressing COVID-19 impacts. She shared that there are grants on Reuse/Repair. She thanked C. Moss on her recent clean lake presentation. |
| Approval of Minutes, April 2020 | R. Darnell made motion to accept the minutes for April meeting. T. Boettcher abstained. Meeting minutes accepted. |
| Policies and Procedure | M. Session motioned for current officers to maintain their current positions:
Chairperson Rob Darnell
Vice chairperson Mary Hajjar
Recording Secretary Robin Greenberg
J. Smith-Galvin seconded. Approved unanimously. |
| Earth Day 2020 Slide Show | The Earth Day slide show, assembled by WCAT, is posted on town's website (https://www.wakefield.ma.us/environmental-sustainability-committee/pages/earth-day-compilation-video) and viewed by the committee. M. Session will send images to the Daily Item to see if they will include in future newspaper editions. |
| Trash/ Plastic Bag/ Composting | Greenwood School was to collect the plastic bags (grocery, cereal, bread, and other bags) to make a composite bench but since the school is currently closed due to COVID-19, collection has been suspended. The committee brainstormed ideas for other public location to store the bags until the school can take them again, e.g. town hall or yard pit. J. Smith-Galvin will discuss with Town Administrator Steve Maio. |

Town curb side textile recycling program started in June.

**Student
Liaison
Update**

No comment

WPS Updates

S. Veilleux noted that the school committee is focusing on supporting teachers and parents through the end of the year and it is looking at potential budget cuts. Implication of alternative tray is TBC for 2020-2021 school year.

Elementary school's compost service was paid through 2019-2020. Black Earth will apply spring weeks for future use since school has been closed since March.

**Town Council
Liaison
Comments**

J. Smith-Galvin reported that R Darnell gave ESC update to TC and it was well received. TC voted to keep an Economic Development Director in the town budget.

**WMGLD
Update**

T. Boettcher, new WMGLD rep for the ESC, reported that the town's pumping station solar array went online today. Currently, there is no public dashboard but they are interested in having one in the future.

Much of the solar grant money has been designated. Funds for 2-3 projects remain. They have requested additional funding from the state for another 8-10 projects.

The town's three EV stations are now online. During quarantine, they have been continued to be used.

WMGLD's energy audit are available virtually for initial and follow up audits. They are looking to resuming in-person audits under COVID safe procedures. R. Greenberg shared that she successfully did a follow up virtual audit and recommends others to do it.

Recently, WMGLD successfully used their battery back-up, resulting in savings for WMGLD.

DPW Update

C. Moss is working on COVID safety measures on how to distribute rain barrels and compost bins. She is applying again for MVP Action Grant.

**Clean Lake
Committee
Update**

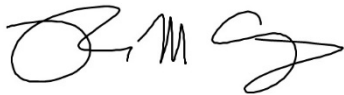
C. Moss shared a summary of her presentation to Monday's Town Council on the Clean Lake Committee's status. The committee has a town website with map and project list. The lake project being down by FOLQ has started on Spalding Park project.

**Farmers
Market**

Farmers Market was approved by the Town Council to start June 20th with COVID response restrictions. SNAP/EBT matching program will be available. FM is seeking volunteers assistance.

Town Meeting	Town Meeting is currently sent for June 8 th .
Community Garden	Black Earth is building raised beds for the community garden. June 1 st is goal for its opening.
Potential Future ESC Actions	T. Boettcher requested that ESC to advocate for an EV ready requirements for all new multi-family projects and for the town to adopt the state Stretch Codes. Due to COVID, J. Smith-Galvin's presentation by DEP representation to the Town Council on Green Communities and the stretch code was tabled. She will look to have it rescheduled.
WHS Class of 2020	J. Smith-Galvin asked if there was a sustainability way to acknowledge the WHS graduating seniors. The committee brainstormed ideas, i.e. plant a tree, a Class of 2020 painted rock garden. S. Veilleux will discuss with school officers. J. Smith-Galvin will think of potential locations.
Next Meetings	The next regular Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is June 11, 2020.
Committee Meeting Adjournment	R. Darnell performed roll call for approve to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Greenberg, Secretary

Attachments: -