



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Monday, December 18, 2023
8:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

Environmental Sustainability Committee – Community Education Subcommittee

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Tiana Veldwisch
Lilian Guinther

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m by T. Veldwisch. The meeting is being recording and closed captioning is available.
Approval of Minutes	Minutes from November 20, 2023 were approved.
Public Participation	None.
Goals for 2024	We discussed goals and initiatives for 2024: hosting education events on a variety of topics and in a variety of formats (in person sessions, tours, presentations, discussions, etc.). We discussed a goal to engage youth more and hope to get a student representative to the subcommittee soon to help. We would like to further promote our resources including our webpage. We concluded that there is enough community education work to do that the subcommittee should continue in the new year, and we welcome additional members, guests, or other participants.
Next Events	We discussed potential next events: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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.- Native Plants / Pollinators – maybe these are separate events, one about plants, one about bees and other pollinators. Lily to contact neighborhood beekeeper about presenting. Planting talk should be in early spring before folks start planting, so probably an indoor event in the library. Lily to research who could present about plants as well.- Solar / other home things – maybe instead of a Green Block Party – maybe there's interest in an "ask your neighbor" event focused on a particular home improvement topic like solar or heat pumps.



- EV Business Roundtable – discuss/present to businesses about EVs in business fleet, businesses to share their experiences, then also show vehicles. Engage with town (Erin K) and Chamber of Commerce. Probably hold until after Spring Town Meeting.
- Tour of Black Earth Compost – what’s the right time of year for this? New facility is in Manchester-by-the-Sea. Lily to reach out for info about how to do a tour, after the new year.
- 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.

We also discussed that perhaps a tentative calendar of when different events could take place would help us keep track.

**Engaging with
STEM Curriculum**

We discussed the desire to engage with the STEM review process, though next steps are with Amy, ESC’s liaison to the School Committee, as we don’t want to disrupt the ongoing process. We also discussed ESC’s participation in the K-4 STEAM night, to take place March 14th, and what hands-on activities could be engaging to the K-4 population and relevant to sustainability.

**Other Channels &
Media**

We discussed the Item and the reporter who contacted ESC around the Town Meeting.

Next Meeting

Monday, Jan 15, 2024 at 8pm.

**Topics Not
Anticipated**

None.

**Committee
Meeting
Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiana Veldwisch

Attachments: -