



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 9, 2019

7:00 P.M.

Lucius Beebe Memorial Library, Trustee Room

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
Rob Darnell, Chair  
Mary Hajjer, Vice Chair  
Robin Greenberg, Secretary  
Myra Sessions  
Julie Smith-Galvin  
Jennifer Kallay

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**  
Richard Stinson  
Ann Fortier

**PUBLIC GUESTS:**  
Thomas Mullen  
Paul Reavis

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

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes – April 4, 2019** Mary Hajjer motioned to approve the April 4, 2019, minutes. Myra Sessions seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Open Meeting Law** Town Counsel Thomas Mullen presented and addressed questions on Massachusetts Open Meeting Laws. Topics included how to post a meeting agenda, how to conduct a public meeting, rules governing Executive Sessions, rules governing minutes on public meetings, and rules governing public records as they pertain to public committees.

**Committee Organization** Rob motioned to nominate Robert Darnell as Chairman. Myra seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary motioned to nominate Mary Hajjer as Vice-Chair. Rob seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Robin motioned to nominate Robin Greenberg as Secretary. Myra seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Student Liaison** Members discussed that the candidate could be a high school student or a college student with Wakefield ties and has an interest in environmental sustainability and our community.

Myra will draft the solicitation for the student liaison. She will ask Sherri Dalton, Town Administrator, to post the ad and receive responses.

**Communication**

Julie will contact Jenn McDonald, town communication person, to request an ESC page on the town's website. ESC page will include meeting agendas, meeting minutes, list of members, and meeting schedule.

In the future, the committee plans to create social media page(s).

**Current Local Sustainability Topics**

WMGLD is conducting a Greenhouse Gas Inventory.

WMGLD approved a Solar Policy for small commercial/ industrial and residential clients, modified the cap on maximum size of panels, and revised the rate structure. Initiatives available for Wakefield customers have not yet been announced; they are pending DOE approval. Jennifer will update the committee with updates when they are available.

Town Council is considering a Community Solar program. Julie will update the committee with updates when they are available.

Julie applied for a state grant to conduct a town tree and bee inventory. Julie will notify the committee if the grant is received.

Town Council is considering installing four electric vehicle (EV) charging stations on town property. Robin noted that Massachusetts will be adopting 2018 IECC (International Energy Conservation Code) with Massachusetts amendments in the near future. The code may require EV charging stations at various building types. Robin will provide more information when it is available from the state.

DPW is conducting a flyover of the town to be used for assessments of greenspace, roads, building features, etc. Joe or Rick will update the committee with updates when they are available.

Rain Barrel discount program expires tonight.

**Potential Events for ESC Participation**

Wakefield 101 – next open house is May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Beebe Library. ESC will not participate with this event but may in the future.

Festival by the Lake – June 8<sup>th</sup>; Joe will request a table spot for the committee. ESC will use the table to talk with folks on what they would like the committee to address.

WMGLD EV event, "Drive Electric" – June 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm. ESC participation TBD.

Table at Farmers Market –Rob will request a non-profit spot. ESC will use the table to talk with folks on what they would like to see the committee do.

**Future  
Meetings**

Meetings will be the first Thursday of each month unless holiday and then 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

Julie will discuss potential meeting locations with Sherri.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is June 6, 2019, at 7pm.

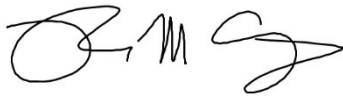
**Committee**

**Meeting**

**Adjournment**

Julie motioned to adjourn. Myra seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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Robin Greenberg, Secretary