



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 12, 2019

7:00 P.M.

Town Hall, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
 Rob Darnell, Chair
 Mary Hajjar, Vice Chair
 Robin Greenberg, Secretary
 Myra Sessions
 Jennifer Kallay
 Susan Veilleux, School Committee rep

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:
 Julie Smith-Galvin
 Joe Conway, DPW Rep

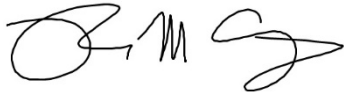
----- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION -----

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.
Public Participation	No comment
Approval of Minutes, August 2019	M. Sessions made motion to accept the revised minutes for meeting, M. Hajjar seconded. All approved (4 votes, 1 abstain).
IECC	Four members of the committee were invited to be voting members for the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code. R. Greenberg explained what ICC and IECC covers. ESC selected IECC voting members to be R. Darnell, J. Smith-Galvin, R. Greenberg, and M. Sessions with M. Hajjar as alternate.
Planning Document & Sustainability Guiding Principles	<p>M Hajjar presented a drafted ESC Current initiatives list. The committee made suggestions. R. Darnell will request that the DPW include their current initiatives. R Darnell will update document with comments and distribute for further comment.</p> <p>M Hajjar recommend that the ESC issue Sustainability Guiding Principals for the town. How adapt to town? R Greenberg research municipal examples.</p>
Student Liaison	Advertisement for student liaison was included in Wakefield Item. The ad has also been sent to Wakefield High School. October 4 th deadline for interest.
Public Communication	<p>ESC will keep using Town's Facebook page, no separate page, for now.</p> <p>ESC reviewed J Smith-Galvin's proposed Letter to the Editor. M. Session will revise letter based on comments.</p> <p>For April 22, 2020 (Earth Day), M Sessions suggested asking people to finish the sentence "Sustainability means to me..." or similar language to start a discussion.</p>

School Committee Representative	The School Committee's representative is now Susan Veilleux. The committee welcomed her.
Mass DEP/ The Green Team	S. Veilleux will share information on the program with the schools. Next meeting, ESC will invite school parents active with sustainability initiatives in schools to attend the meeting. S. Veilleux suggested that Bob Schiaroli, Director of Facilities for schools to be invited to a future meeting. With permission from Bob Schiaroli, ESC with Black Earth Compost will organize a Halloween pumpkin drop off at the schools. Dates and times TBD. ESC plans to send info to parents via school newsletters.
Halloween Pumpkin Drop Off Drive	
WMGLD	Recently, WMGLD adapted revised residential rebates, including wifi thermostat, and heat pumps. WMGLD will be hosting public forums on changes. Commercial and industrial customer rebates coming.
Clean Lake Committee	At a recent Town Council meeting, they formed the Clean Lake Committee which included a seat for an ESC representative. The committee goal is to make Lake Quannapowitt swimmable and fishable. R Darnell was appointed to represent the committee.
Pollination Gardens/ Bees	R Darnell is talking with Bob Schiaroli regarding funding for gardens in schools, and similar efforts.
Wakefield Communi-TREE Program	At a recent Town Council meeting, they approved a CommuniTREE program under DPW to add more trees in town. ESC supports more shade trees. R.Greenberg noted that it all likelihood, not all street trees will be native because the trees have a very limited criteria before they are select, i.e. straight roots, handles exposure to salt, etc. ESC encourages DPW and WMGLD to water and maintain tree after planting for at least a year to help ensure that they will survive.
UU Church Wakefield Climate Action	M Sessions plans to attend UU Church's Climate Action event. She will report back to comment.
Global Climate Strike	Boston's Climate Strike is September 20 th at 11:30 am at Boston City Hall Plaza. Adults are encouraged to support students striking by attending.
EV Charge Points	At the Sept 23 rd Town Council meeting, J Galvin-Smith is scheduled to discuss EV charging stations.

Other Issues	It was brought to the attention of the committee that an 8,000 sf single house was under construction in a neighborhood with more modest homes on modest lots. The home is being built by-right, without a zoning variance. Neighbors are worried of potential McMansions becoming more common in town. ESC will look into options the town could have to address this concern.
Next Meeting	The next regular Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is October 10, 2019, at 7pm at Town Hall.
Committee Meeting Adjournment	R. Darnell motioned to adjourn. M. Sessions seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Greenberg, Secretary