



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 5, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Town Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
 Rob Darnell, Chair  
 Robin Greenberg, Secretary  
 Suzy Veilleux, School Committee rep  
 Claire Moss, DPW Rep  
 Jennifer Kallay, WMGLD  
 Julie Smith-Galvin, Town Council Rep  
 Cameron Sweeney, Student Liaison  
 Addie Festel, Student Liaison  
 Liz Sheridan, Student Liaison  
 Sophie Brown, Student Liaison

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**  
 Mary Hajjar, Vice Chair  
 Myra Sessions

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

<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m by R. Darnell.
<b>Public Participation</b>	Carol Zoubek shared that MassDEP hosted a webinar about Reduce, Reuse, Repair microgrants include school operations. She will share info with R. Darnell.
<b>Approval of Minutes, February 2020</b>	R. Darnell made motion to accept the minutes for February meeting. J. Smith-Galvin second. Meeting minutes accepted.
<b>MVP Guiding Principles/ Evaluation Framework</b>	<p>MVP close out meeting will be March 12, 2020, at 10am. ESC and department heads are invited to participate. The meeting will include examples and test on how to use the MVP. Town Council voted to support principles.</p> <p>J. Smith-Galvin proposed an ESC introduction to the Town of Wakefield Guiding Principles document. Introduction language was discussed. R. Darnell made motion to accept. S. Veilleux second. Documented was accepted, see attached.</p>
<b>Proposed Styrofoam/ Plastic Straw Bylaw</b>	J. Smith-Galvin updated the committee on the status of the two citizen petitions. Town Counsel is still working on the final language for them. March 26, 2020, is deadline for finalizing of warrant language. The local Chamber of Commerce is looking at the proposals and requested more information on their impact to the environment and their businesses. Schools are in support of the Styrofoam ban. Plastic Straw limits are included in the bylaw change. The bylaw includes requiring stores to charge for their thick plastic bags. The charge for the paper will be determined by the store.

<b>Earth Day 2020</b>	R. Darnell will draft a letter about school compost and food rescue success story. S. Veilleux is still working on schools' involvement. Event will be mentioned at STEAM Night.
<b>WPS Updates</b>	S. Veilleux provided a report on 8 <sup>th</sup> grader civic projects. 34 students are working on sustainability related topics including recycling (most popular), waste disposal, pollution, and reduce plastic and its littering. The goal is between now and March 12 <sup>th</sup> that the students finish their Action Plans. Student will then work to execute their plan during the school day. The school coordinator is looking for volunteers to come into the school to talk with the students and/or respond to emails. The project ends with a Showcase, "science fair" style presentation, at the end of May. She will notify the committee with more information as it is available. Student Liaisons are interested in assisting. J. Kallay noted that she is interested in talking to the clean energy group.
<b>WMGLD Update</b>	J. Kallay reported that WMGLD's March meeting was cancelled. Level 2 chargers are installed. The Level 3 installation has been scheduled.
<b>DPW Update</b>	C. Moss reported that Simple Recycling for textile is under contract and their services start April 7 <sup>th</sup> . May 28 <sup>th</sup> is rain barrel sales. DPW is looking at a reduced cost to buy compost bins. DPW has started their public announcements about the need to reduce containments within curbside recycling. Recycling bins will no longer collect bin by JRM if containment is observed. The hauler leaves a sticker behind to explain why the bin was rejected.
<b>WPS STEAM Night</b>	At the WPS STEAM Night, J. Kallay is donating rotting food for an activity. C. Moss will have refuse, recycling, and composting activity. She requests examples of trash and recyclables so she can explain what it is and why. R. Darnell and other will attend. J. Smith-Galvin will create a paper for kids to draw and write for Earth Day campaign.
<b>WEF Grant Photo Opportunity</b>	R. Darnell noted that there was a request for ESC members to participate in a WEF Grant photo opportunity about the school composting and food rescue. He will notify the committee more details.
<b>The Big Purge</b>	J. Smith-Galvin reported about the event, The Big Purge. She has confirmed vendors on textile recycling, plastic recycling, and paper shredding. <a href="https://www.thebigpurge.com/">https://www.thebigpurge.com/</a>
<b>Zero Waste Events</b>	R. Darnell and J. Smith-Galvin reported that they are looking to have zero waste at the Head of the Lake event and the Farmers Market following Zero Waste best practices. Black Earth would deliver compost bins to the events. Volunteers may be needed.
<b>DEP Green Teams</b>	R. Darnell reported that four elementary schools signed up to be DEP Green Teams. The High School and Middle School is working on it. By becoming a

DEP Green Team, they will get indoor wormeries (indoor compost), educational info, leaf bins and more.

**Town Clean  
Lake  
Committee**

R. Darnell reported that the Town Clean Lake Committee had their first committee meeting. They are looking at priorities for implementation of lake clean up based on prior recommendations.

**Town  
Planning  
Committee**

J. Smith-Galvin noted that there is an opening on committee. This is an elected slot.

**Town  
Volunteer  
Appreciation**

ESC members are invited to “Celebrating Wakefield” Volunteer Appreciation, hosted by Town Council on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

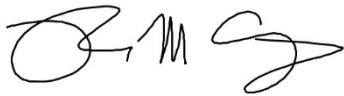
**Next Meetings**

The next regular Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is April 9, 2020, at 7pm at Town Hall. May meeting is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee  
Meeting  
Adjournment**

R. Darnell motioned to adjourn. S. Veilleux seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Robin Greenberg, Secretary

Attachments: ESC Guiding Principles

The Environmental Sustainability Committee commits to supporting the Town of Wakefield efforts to:

- Make decisions and take actions that balance environmental quality, economic prosperity, community livability and social equity.
- Promote collaborative communication across town departments, committees, businesses and residents to align policies and actions to promote sustainability and community livability.
- Think beyond first costs and consider long-term, cumulative impacts when making policy and financial decisions.
- Adopt renewable energy and make efficient use of electricity, natural gas, oil, propane, transportation fuels and water.
- Protect habitat and functioning ecosystems that provide critical services to the suburban environment.
- Minimize the release of toxins, carbon emissions and other pollutants when purchasing and using products.
- Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost.