



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 9, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Zoom Meeting #165 302 725

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Rob Darnell, Chair
Mary Hajjar, Vice Chair
Robin Greenberg, Secretary
Myra Sessions
Suzy Veilleux, School Committee rep
Claire Moss, DPW Rep
Jennifer Kallay, WMGLD
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 -----

Call to Order The on-site meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m by R. Darnell.

Public Participation No comments

Approval of Minutes, March 2020 R. Darnell made motion to accept the minutes for March meeting. S. Veilleux second. Meeting minutes accepted.

MVP Update C. Moss provided an updated status on MVP. DPW hosted a close out session on the framework. At the session, they did one project addressing drainage and outfall on Main Street as a test for using the framework. C. Moss felt that the test case went well. She is providing notes later this month.

The next state MVP grant round is expected to open later in this month. The town hopes to apply for the Main Street drainage improvement project and resubmit the Vulnerability Assessment project.

Earth Day 2020 M. Session suggested that students provide reflection on Earth Day. She offered to write an outreach document to the school principals and offered to assemble received documents into a package which would be shared, suggestions would be that it is made into a YouTube video, WCAT slideshow, or an Item images/articles. Questions suggestions for students to answer, "What does the environment mean to you?" or "What do you for the environment?". S. Veilleux has concerns about WPS availability to assist with effort. C. Moss suggested getting to parents via social media, PTOs, Wakefield Moms group, etc. ESC agreed that the approach to Wakefield residents through social media might work especially for younger students. All sources,

media, and style of responses are welcome. M. Session will work with Town Communication Director Jenn on how to receive and curate received material.

A. Festel shared that Climate Strike is working on alternative activities following social distancing protocols to recognize Earth Day.

**Proposed
Styrofoam/
Plastic Straw
Bylaw**

Proposed warrants were accepted for the Town Meeting warrant.

**Student
Liaison
Update**

S. Brown working with Andy on DEP on establishing Green Teams on how to start them at the high school. Work will resume when school is back in session.

WPS Updates

S. Veilleux noted school budget was approved by the School Committee.

**WMGLD
Update**

J. Kallay noted that department staff is not on site but working remotely. The department is addressing emergency issues. EV charging station were installed and are in operation. Energy efficiency audits were suspended due to COVID-19 quarantine. PV installation project on the water department building has had its material ordered. Installation date is pending.

DPW Update

C. Moss reported that the department staff is at working as remote as possible as they address emergency issues. The start of textiles curbside collection has been postponed for the moment. Compost bins and rain barrel are available for sale now. Rejection of recycling with containments is continuing. The biggest containment issue remains to be plastic bags. DPW is working to increase public engagement while its door-to-door flyer distribution program has been postponed.

**Clean Lake
Committee
Update**

R. Darnell reported that the committee met virtually today. They are ranking 25 projects for priorities. A website for the committee is in progress.

The Big Purge

The event has postponed but its website features resources that still applies. J. Smith-Galvin and the organizing group are looking to reschedule.

**Food Pantry
Purge**

ESC will assist the Food Panty with any purges that they do. Composting food that has expired or other similar efforts.

**Town Council
Update**

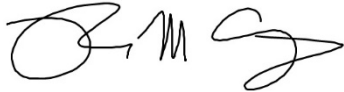
At the April 27, 2020, Town Council meeting, J. Smith-Galvin, with C. Moss's assistance, is planning to give an update on town recycling efforts.

At the Monday, April 13, 2020, meeting, R. Darnell will present to the Council the progress of the ESC. Committee members will send R. Darnell suggestions on talking points.

Next Meetings The next regular Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is May 14, 2020. Zoom information will be distributed if necessary.

Committee Meeting Adjournment J. Smith-Galvin motioned to adjourn. M. Sessions seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Greenberg, Secretary

Attachments: -