



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 13, 2022
7:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Myra Sessions, Chair
Robin Greenberg, Secretary
Sean Cash
Dan Noren
Melissa Eusden
Julie Smith-Galvin, Town Council rep
Tom Boettcher, WMGLD rep
Joe Conway, DPW rep
Suzy Veilleux, School Committee rep

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rob Darnell, Vice Chair
Mary Hajjar
Abby Lane, Student Liaison
Nick Pilleri, Student Liaison
Sophie Brown, Student Liaison
Uma Gerweck, Youth Council rep
Addie Festel, Student Liaison
Ann Waitt, DPW alternate rep

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m by M. Session.
The meeting is being recording and closed captioning is available.

Public Participation

Carol Zoubek shared that her post on Facebook offering to pick up pumpkins for composting resulted in collecting over 150 pumpkins. When properly bundled, she learned that cardboard might have higher resale value by recycling collecting companies. Could Wakefield expand school collection to two dates with Black Earth?

Approval of Minutes

J. Smith- Galvin motioned to approve the November meeting notes. D. Noren second. Motion passed.

Solicitation of new ESC members

Four founding ESC members' term expire in spring 2022. These members have the option to request renewal. Newer members shared their experience about applying to join the committee and suggestions for the language for the solicitation to join the committee. M. Sessions will update solicitation listed on committee's website. For location of advertisement may include the Item, social media, and town messages boards at lake and downtown in addition to the town website. Next steps, applicants need to submit their applications to Town Clerk and then Town Council will review and confirm the members after ESC's comments.

Communication with School Building Committees

D. Noren drafted letter to Northeast Metropolitan Building Committee school building committee. Letters describe the ESC and what is going on in Wakefield. T. Boettcher suggested modifying language on site potential and impact to against wetlands. A similar letter may be sent to the Wakefield MHS project.



At a meeting last night, Northeast Metro reps said that they are reconsidering the extent of gas use for the project.

D. Nolan plans to contact the school projects to share his ideas on telecommunications and HVAC systems.

T. Boettcher shared some ideas that WMGLD has on the schools.

T. Boettcher motion to move ahead with D. Nolan authoring the letter on behalf of ESC to the Northeast Metro's building committee. M. Eushen second. Motion passed.

ESC Logo and Branding

D. Noren developed a concept logo for the committee. He will work on concept with Jenn McDonald.

Recycling and Energy Drive (May 14)

Rep. Lipper-Garabedian looking to assist with a Recycling and Sustainability Event on May 14th. The event maybe similar to the proposed 2020 Big Purge event. J. Conway offered DPW support and assistance with the effort. Representative shared that Green Team Junk Removal, a junk removal company in MA, may be a partner. D. Nolan and E. Eusden offered assistance.

Earth Day Ideas

Committee suggested that April, as Earth month, may be the time for education on recycling and promotion for the May 14th Drive. Warrior Clean Up group is considering a spring cleanup event.

Green Community Application

Green Fleet policy is has been accepted. Baseline effort is still in progress. The state is now accepting and awarding GC applications on a rolling basis.

Plastic and Styrofoam By-Laws

M. Eusden shared that the by-laws are in effect as of January 1, 2022. The town has received requests waivers from twelve restaurants and the schools to meet the requirements. Applicants cited wanting to use up their current stocks and/or supply chain issues with compliant products. A few applications requested more than six months in order to comply. J. Smith-Galvin and M. Eusden will discuss with Steve Maio if the list of businesses requested and received a waiver will be made public or not.

Waste Reduction Subcommittee

M. Eusden is working with Tim O'Brien, Ann Waitt, and Andy Bray about starting Galvin recycling. Next step is on logistics of moving the barrels to the pickup collection area.

M. Eusden talked with Black Earth and confirmed that funds on current contact to cover resuming composting at the elementary schools. Compost is scheduled to start March 1st. TBC on logistics on barrels. Andy Bray will talk with schools' PTOs.

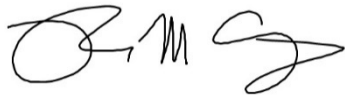
Land use Subcommittee

S. Cash shared that he and M. Hajjar are sitting up meeting with ConComm staff to talk about land opportunities, education, seeking volunteer, etc.

Student Members	None
School Committee	<p>School committee voted and approved fleet policy.</p> <p>They received an update from SMMA on the WMHS project. S. Veilleux heard that they discussed site comparison on solar exposure. They have option criteria includes looking at suitability topics.</p>
Town Council update	<p>J. Smith-Galvin shared that TC approved the 2030 vision statement, to learn more, see https://www.wakefield.ma.us/sites/g/files/vyhlif3986/f/uploads/vision-2030-final-report.pdf</p>
WMGLD	<p>T. Boettcher shared that WMGLD is looking into an idea like Beverly's public/private program with an electric school bus. The bus battery's is being used as part of the shave peak in the summer, to learn more: https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20211013005688/en/Massachusetts-Electric-School-Bus-Helps-Power-Electricity-Grid-in-Breakthrough-for-Vehicle-to-Grid-Technology</p> <p>MACP has an RFP funding for TAP, technical assistance programs, to learn more: https://www.mapc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Invitation-for-Projects-2022-final.pdf</p> <p>They are putting forth a community solar project, more details coming. An estimate 126kW community solar array would be a part of a total 206 kW panel project to be installed at the roof of 480 North Ave, the WMGLD building.</p> <p>On Jan 26th, WMGLD is hosting a public remote strategic planning session with a focus on an electrification future.</p>
DPW	<p>J. Conway shared that in for Black Earth pilot program, of the 200 starter kits available, there are only 11 remaining. DPW is looking to purchase more starter kits. Black Earth is collecting two tons per week.</p> <p>When comparing refuge collection volume during August-December 2021 to January-Jun 2021, there has been less waste and recycling volume has increased.</p> <p>DPW is looking into cardboard collection options outside of recycling day, when the yard pit is closed to the public (December – March).</p> <p>Town's collected Christmas trees are chipped and collected by a farmer.</p> <p>Committee had a discussion on their individual's observations on increased activity on town's Buy Nothing Facebook page and pages like Puzzles Swaps, Books Swaps, etc.</p>

- Safe Streets** Safe Street is hosting a meeting on January 26th.
- Wakefield Master Plan** M. Sessions is a member of the town's Master Plan Advisory board. A public session is being scheduled for March and the agenda might include discussion on town's green spaces.
- Next Meeting** The next regular Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, at 7pm.
- Committee Meeting Adjournment** R. Greenberg motioned to adjourn. J. Smith-Galvin second. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Greenberg, Secretary

Attachments: -