



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 21, 2022
7:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melissa Eusden, Chair
Robin Greenberg, Secretary
Sean Cash
Dan Noren
Chris Lewis
Tiana Veldwisch
Julie Smith-Galvin, Town Council rep

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Myra Sessions, Vice Chair
Thomas Boettcher, WMGLD rep
Joe Conway/Ann Waitt, DPW rep
open, School Committee rep
Abby Lane, Student Liaison
Sophie Brown, Student Liaison
Addie Festel, Student Liaison
Nick Pilleri, Student Liaison
Uma Gerweck, Youth Council rep

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m by M. Eusden.
The meeting is being recording and closed captioning is available.

Public Participation

Lisa Muise, a Galvin Middle School teacher, is interested in learning about recycling at the school. M. Eusden shared that recycling available now in the cafeteria. M. Eusden is working with WPS on paper recycling in the classrooms. L. Muise offered to be recycling liaison at the school.

Approval of June Minutes

Motion to approve the June meetings per corrections. M. Eusden first J. Smith-Galvin second. Motion passed.

Mission Statement, Procedures, & Processes to Engage Volunteers

D. Noren presented his drafted update of the Mission Statement, Policies, and Procedures document and amended ESC website page to include volunteers. As Volunteer Manager, D. Noren will facilitate volunteer efforts. It is his expectation is that volunteers will report to the subcommittee that the volunteer effort supports. D. Noren will update documents based on feedback, which includes modifying the language so that it does not have the Town Council needing to appoint the volunteers, and present his updates at next ESC.

Tabling at Farmers Market

ESC would like to have a table at an upcoming Farmers Market. At the table, info about the plastic by-laws, community gardens, recycling, compost, and volunteer opportunities will be available. Activities may include "Where Does it Go?", a game with three buckets and people have to decide if something is trash, recycling, or



compost. D. Noren offered to design signs for the table and provide sign stands. M. Eusden will contact Market Manager for schedule.

**Stretch Code
Draft**

The state's proposed updated Stretch Code and Municipal Opt-in Specialized Code does include requirements for EV charging stations. The minimum quantity is based on # of parking spaces. MA DOER (Department of Energy Resources) is hosting public hearings on 7/22, 8/2, and 8/8 on the regulations. DOER is accepting public comments on the draft regulations will be accepted until 5pm on 8/12. During a future ESC meeting, ESC may discuss potential town solar requirements.

**ESC
Subcommittees**

ESC priorities/initiatives (Waste Reduction, Building Efficiency, Land Protection, and Volunteer Coordination) will now include GHG (Greenhouse House Gas) inventory and Green Communities. Assignments:

- T. Veldwisch is interested working on provided community education on ESC other initiatives and sustainability efforts (i.e. waste reduction and food).
- J. Smith-Galvin would like to advocate for a town Sustainability Manager.
- C. Lewis interested in working on the town's GHC inventory. He has experience doing it for private clients.

Subcommittee shall establish their own deadlines to establish goals. These subcommittee meetings are public per Open Meeting Laws.

The subcommittee's chair will notify M. Eusden of group's monthly meeting schedule.

**Waste Reduction
Subcommittee**

M. Eusden brought more TerraCycle boxes for the plastic collected this spring.

Participation in a new Trex plastic bag challenge is waiting to find a partner to collect the plastic bags. Location and installation schedule for the bench received through the 2021 collection is pending.

M. Eusden is working with Town on limits to waiver and enforcement related to the plastic by laws. She confirmed that Farmers Market vendors are not exempt as a Farmers Market vendor but some goods at the market are allowed to be put into plastic bags, i.e. produce bags.

S. Cash suggested having a public presentation on economics of recycling in Wakefield (micro level) and higher level (macro). M. Eusden will reach out to contact at Republic Services to see if they could provide the presentation.

**Land Use
Subcommittee**

No news

Student Members

M. Eusden noted that solicitation of new student members will be done in September.

**School Building
Planning**

R. Greenberg shared that Northeast Metro Tech School may have a public meeting about their school project in August. They are currently in the design development

(DD) phase. They appeared at the town traffic advisory committee in June to discuss their project.

Wakefield High School (WMHS) is during in the schematic design (SD) phase. Monthly public forums on the school project are being planned starting in August.

**School
Committee
Liaison Update**

ESC is awaiting appointment of member liaison.

**Town Council
Liaison Update**

J. Smith-Galvin shared that Green Community application draft is done and is anticipated to be submitted to the state in a few weeks.

**WMGLD Liaison
Update
DPW Liaison
Update
Next Meeting**

No news

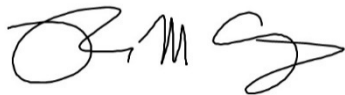
No news

The next regular Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, at 7pm.

**Committee
Meeting
Adjournment**

D. Noren motioned to adjourn. J. Smith-Galvin second. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Greenberg, Secretary

Attachments: -