



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 12, 2022
7:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melissa Eusden, Chair
Robin Greenberg, Secretary
Sean Cash
Tiana Veldwisch
Dan Noren
Chris Lewis
Julie Smith-Galvin, Town Council rep
Thomas Boettcher, WMGLD rep
Ann Waitt, DPW rep proxy
William Buswell, Student Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Myra Sessions, Vice Chair
Joe Conway, DPW rep
Eileen Colleran, School Comm. rep
Aliza Margolis, Student Member
Fiona Recene, Student Member

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m by M. Eusden.
The meeting is being recording and closed captioning is available.

Public Participation

No comments

Approval of Minutes

T. Veldwisch motion for approval of December meeting minutes. R. Greenberg second. Motion passed.

ESC Support of WMHS Project

ESC reviewed draft motion of support of Wakefield Memorial High School project. Group suggested adding websites as footnotes for more information related to parts of the motion. T. Veldwisch motion for approval of the motion:

We, the Wakefield Environmental Sustainability Committee, support the proposed new Wakefield Memorial High School project. We support in particular the project's goals of being Net Zero ready, achieving LEED Silver or Better, having all-electric mechanical systems, inclusion of a green roof, and other sustainability features as noted in the Schematic Design submission to the MSBA.

D. Noren second. Motion passed unanimously.

MBTA Communities Working Group

Erin Kokinda, Wakefield Community & Economic Development Director, and Jim Hogan, Vice-Chair of Planning Board joined the ESC to present what is a Multifamily Zoning District, explain why is Wakefield looking into creating one, and recruit an ESC volunteer to join their Working Group. Wakefield needs to have a multifamily zoning district, minimum 114 acre within ½ mile of a commuter rail



station to meet the state's requirements. If Wakefield does not make one, Wakefield would not be eligible for certain state funding sources. Anyone ESC member interested in joining the working group should contact Erin.

**Waste Reduction
Subcommittee**

M. Eusden shared that compost and food rescue project has restarted at the Walton School. Greenwood School will start next week. T. Veldwisch reported that candy wrappers were sent to recycling center. The subcommittee is working on a proposed by-law that would require multi-family developments to offer recycling collection.

**Land Protection
Subcommittee**

S. Cash shared that SAVE the Forrest, BUILD the Voke, a local group whom has concerns about the Northeast Vocation School project impacting the forest and the project's process, has contact the subcommittee. Their key concerns include blasting, tree canopy loss, habitat impact, and drainage. They are in support of the school project but not the location of the new project. They requested ESC take a vote on a position statement even though ESC does not have a regulatory position. Next meeting, ESC will consider approving a statement. Conservation Commission is still reviewing the project's application. ESC may request a representation from the school to attend meeting to learn if and how the school's curriculum addresses sustainability issues.

S. Cash shared that the Open Space Recreation Plan project's next public meeting is coming soon, see town's website for schedule.

Conservation Corps program is still being organized by the Conservation Commission. ESC's role is to recruit folks to join the Corps.

**Building
Efficiency
Subcommittee**

R. Greenberg shared the Wakefield Memorial High School project is waiting for the town vote before any process is made with the design.

**Volunteer
Coordination
Subcommittee**

D. Noren sent out emails to prospect almost volunteers to confirm interested on volunteer opportunities.

**GHG Inventory
Subcommittee**

C. Lewis shared that the subcommittee is computing info into the Greenhouse Gas tool in order to create the inventory. By next ESC meeting, they hope have results to share. He noted that the inventory does not account for private concrete supplier company, a potential high GHG generator, in town as an example of limitations of the tool.

**Green
Communities
Subcommittee**

J. Smith-Galvin announced that Green Communities application was accepted by the state. Approval includes a grant of approximately \$189,000. Town has ninety days to provide the state on how the money will be spent.

The state's updated Stretch Code is now in place. As a Green Community, the updated Stretch Code applies to Wakefield projects.

**Community
Education
Subcommittee**

T. Veldwisch announced that Gretchen Carey from Republic Services will make a recycling presentation at the library on Wednesday, February, 1st at 7pm. WCAT will record.

The subcommittee continue to post great info on ESC's Facebook page.

**Student Member
Update**

W. Buswell shared that the Recycling Club is trying to grow the size and outreach of the club.

**School
Committee
Liaison Update**

Liaison not present.

**DPW Liaison
Update**

A. Waitt shared that the town collected approximately 2,600lbs of corrugated boxes in the holiday drive.

Representative Kate Lipper-Garabedian will be hosting her 2nd Annual Recycling event on April 8th.

**Town Council
Liaison Update**

J. Smith-Galvin shared that Bike Pedestrian Plan is due next week. ESC will give its annual report to Town Council this spring.

**WMGLD Liaison
Update**

T. Boettcher asked ESC if the committee would issue a statement of support on the Energy Park project. The project is still at the Conservation Commission and then goes to the state during its Article 27 view process. Current proposal includes WMGLD reforesting a section of the Town Forrest that had trees removed a few decades ago.

Last week, WMGLD activated on two fast chargers at "Fred's Frank's"/ Head of the Lake. They were purchased with a state grant. The town now has four Level 2 and three DC fast chargers now.

Next Meeting

The next regular Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 7pm.

**Committee
Meeting
Adjournment**

D. Noren motioned to adjourn and J. Smith-Galvin second. Motion pass. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Greenberg, Secretary

Attachments: ESC motion to support WMHS project



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¹ Wakefield Memorial High School Building Project <https://wakefieldmhsproject.com/>

² Massachusetts Decarbonization Roadmap <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/ma-decarbonization-roadmap>

³ US Green Building Council (USGBC) LEED v4 summary <https://www.usgbc.org/leed/v4>

⁴ Wakefield Memorial High School Building Project's Schematic Design (SD) submission <https://wakefieldmhsproject.com/document-library/#msba-module-4>

⁵ Massachusetts School Building Authority <https://www.massschoolbuildings.org/>

