



# TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

### NOTICE OF MEETING ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE | WASTE REDUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE

November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 | 7:30 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88115622632?pwd=RzZ3bzlwZUIGc0NWZjdxeitacDlvZz09>

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#### ITEM 1: Call to Order (7:30 pm)

#### ITEM 2: Public Participation

- Members of the public spoke out about the amount of forest being destroyed to build the new Northeast Metro Tech campus
- Paul Rydicki mentioned that the piece of forest that will be destroyed is the only natural area in Wakefield that has received an important designation by MA BioMap

#### ITEM 3: Approval of meeting notes, October 27

#### ITEM 4: School waste reduction initiatives update

- Melissa and Shyan to follow up with Dustin on Styrofoam usage in schools and food rescue
- Still waiting to hear back on Compost grant application from WEF
- Galvin recycling education continues

#### ITEM 5: Chamber of Commerce business survey responses and next steps

- Melissa to follow up Erin on sending survey to her list of businesses

#### ITEM 6: Holiday tips for waste reduction

- Tiana to listen to podcast from MA Recycle "Simplify for the Holidays" and post info on FB
- Tiana to look into December holiday waste reduction tips to post on FB

#### ITEM 7: Next Meeting: December 14, 2022 (or another date)

#### ITEM 8: Matters Not Anticipated on the Agenda

- Volunteer help:
  - o School waste reduction initiatives (Galvin recycling and elementary compost (hopefully))



- Styrofoam and plastics bylaw business non-compliance reporting
  - Food Rescue opportunities
  - Recycling event help in the Spring
  - Event planning (i.e. speaker series)
- Community Education Sub-committee to organize recycling speaker at library event
- EPA grants (application due Jan 16):
  - \$40 million available for all of NE; municipalities and non profits eligible
  - possible idea to use grant money is for DPW to purchase recycling bins for residents that are large enough size with lids to enable more recycling
  - possible idea to expand curbside recycling to weekly pickup
  - Melissa to follow up with Ann on grants and whether DPW is going to apply
  - Look further into grant details to see if ESC can apply
- Apartment building recycling
  - Talk to Julie about possible bylaw or rule that new buildings need to have recycling
- Cardboard recycling at the pit: closed for winter, is it possible to collect it elsewhere?

ITEM 9: Motion to Adjourn