



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETING

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE | WASTE REDUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE

December 20, 2023, | 7:30 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81060712359?pwd=OEN5Z3AvM0xBeEZ4MGNDTUx1YldNQOT09>

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ITEM 1: Call to Order (7:32 pm)

ITEM 2: Public Participation: Shyan Ong joined to discuss school waste initiative

ITEM 3: Approval of meeting notes, November

ITEM 4: School Waste Initiative

- Woodville is moving forward with compost and food rescue starting in January.
- Melissa spoke with Tim O'Brien to update him, and he'll get the compost barrels.
- Melissa to contact Black Earth about starting the w/o Jan 22.
- Need to get a rolling cooler. Could use ESC funds; Tiana to contact Woodville PTO to see if they would be able to finance this.
- Looking for a large mini fridge for Woodville, preferably used but new ones can be purchased for under \$200.
- Still need to push a little more on composting at Dolbeare.
- Would like to make a blanket statement about closing the compost bins so everyone knows proper procedure.
- We need to find another recipient for the food rescue program because the Melrose location will no longer be accepting donations. Grace Chapel Pantry in Everett could be an option. Christina to contact Shyan about possibly making food runs to that site.
- Doing a pilot program at the Galvin to provide food for after school programs – Shyan is running this. Wakefield Academy at other schools said no to receiving food because they don't have snack programs anymore.
- Youth Council member on ESC started Green Team at Galvin – hopefully he can help push for recycling/composting to start there.



- Once elementary schools are set up, we can approach the high school. We have new student liaisons starting second half of the year and they may be able to help.

ITEM 5: Green Business Program

- Five businesses have responded to the survey.
- What's next? We want to roll it out and will be fleshing out the details in the new year.

ITEM 6: Matters unanticipated: Tiana mentioned a possible Green House Gas inventory mini presentation/discussion at the library. Will discuss during January retreat.

ITEM 7: Next Meeting: January 17, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm