

ABSENT:



NOTICE OF MEETING

Environmental Sustainability Committee | WASTE REDUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 23, 2024
7:30 P.M.

Via Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85768271781?pwd=DmVK78RcC6alisZDq5iXzi6SkBagYB.1

Environmental Sustainability Committee – Waste Reduction Subcomittee

SUBCOMMITTEE Lillian Dunlap SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

MEMBERS Christina Olivieri PRESENT: Melissa Eusden

Jackson Russell (student)

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

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:31 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes approved for March 2024

Public Participation

None.

School Waste Initiative

- Melissa attended a call with state-wide school waste working group
- Melissa emailed Dustin regarding new contract for purchasing of BPI-certified compostable trays
- Currently when the compostable trays are re-ordered, they are substituted with non-compostable trays
- A few local schools do bulk purchasing (including North Andover) and Melissa is reaching out to them to determine how to get the BPI-certified trays
- Food Rescue- Recent pick-up before April Break had a lot of volume from all schools

Lend and Mend & Repair Café

- Christina attended event in Melrose for Lend & Mend / Repair Café
- ESC would be responsible for an event location and gathering volunteers to help fix items (sewing, lamps, knife sharpening, electronics)

DEP Micro-Grant

- First application deadline is May 15th, 2024 (second application in November)
- Focus is on re-use (not recycling/composting)
- Discussed applying for a grant for an ongoing Repair Café 1 per year for the next 3 years



- Lily will email to determine if we can apply for the grant for this purpose

Sports Equipment Swap

- Discussed equipment collection at Recycling and Sustainability Event (June)
- Discussed equipment swap at Wakefield Farmer's Market (July)
- Melissa will email Ann W. to determine if we can use the space adjacent to the Farmer's Market
- Discussed advertising event at the Festival by the Lake table
- Christina will collect list of equipment accepted

Recycling and Sustainability Event June 29th

Event is rescheduled to June 29th

- Battery Recycling will be at the event and post-event at Town Hall

- No longer at Library location due to safety concern with batteries

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:30p.m.

Matters

Unanticipated None.

Committee Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.