



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 15, 2023
7:30 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Melissa Eusden
Tiana Veldwisch

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:
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----- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION -----

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m by M. Eusden. The meeting is being recording and closed captioning is available. Special guests A. Waitt and J. Smith-Galvin attended.
Public Participation	none
Approval of Minutes	Motion by T. Veldwisch to approve the minutes from the Jan 18, 2023 meeting as shared to the subcommittee. Motion passed.
School waste reduction initiatives	M. Eusden reported on the successful compost/food rescue efforts at the Walton and Greenwood elementary schools. Dolbeare elementary is planning to start soon with composting in the kitchen and food rescue. We discussed having an educational assembly via Black Earth Compost in April and to prepare more educational info around Earth Day. We also discussed potential to create a video highlighting the program – T. Veldwisch to reach out to WCAT. M. Eusden reported that recycling at the Galvin is not going well for cafeteria waste, though cardboard/paper waste is being recycled effectively. A. Waitt and M. Eusden to meet with Tim to discuss.
Recycling at multi-family buildings initiative	T. Veldwisch reviewed findings about recycling at multi-family buildings and DEP state waste ban about recyclables. Discussion about whether a bylaw is appropriate or necessary given state law. T. Veldwisch to contact town counsel Tom Mullin about it. A. Waitt to discuss enforcement with Gail at DEP as well as Anthony at health department on potential health inspector enforcement. We discussed schedule to bring a by-law and discussed having a special meeting on the topic with Gail, Building Department in advance of next ESC meeting.



Recycle event	State Rep. Lipper-Garabedian is hosting a recycling day in Wakefield April 8 th . A. Waitt reports that a shredding service will attend. Bay State Textiles will not attend but will empty collection bins at Woodville school before and after event. We discussed what to have at an ESC table, including information/education, a sort-the-items game, and a toy swap. M. Eusden to discuss with Rep. L-G. potential to invite a bike repair or other fix-it organization.
Next Meeting	The next regular Waste Reduction Subcommittee of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is scheduled for Wed, March 15, at 7:30pm.
Matters not anticipated	None
Committee Meeting Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiana Veldwisch

Attachments: -