

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

NOTICE OF MEETING

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE | WASTE REDUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE April 20, 2023 | 7:30 p.m.

Via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87968381451?pwd=cVI0UjFVWHdiNXI4dW1FTkFYcC9VUT09

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ITEM 1: Call to Order (7:34 pm)

ITEM 2: Public Participation – greeting from Shyan Ong

ITEM 3: Approval of meeting notes, March - approved

ITEM 4: School waste reduction initiatives

- Video by WCAT is great! Already being shared around. Tiana to send to Jenn McDonald for other sharing opportunities and to include in "Earth Month roundup" email to ESC email list
- Waste audit at the Galvin Melissa coordinating with Joanne Marks (science coordinator) for week of May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Compost assembly w/ Black Earth Compost is 5/19 2:00pm at Greenwood school. Melissa working with Tim to get compost soil to the Walton & Greenwood school garden groups.
- STEAM Night (K-4 focus) at Galvin 5/11. Ideas include:
  - Waste sort activity like we've done before
  - o Greenhouse gas inventory guessing game
  - o Info on what Wakefield is doing about climate change and collection of ideas
  - o Info to share about composting (parents to sign up)
  - WCAT food waste video on loop on a laptop

## ITEM 5: Multifamily recycling

• Tiana presented to the Board of Health (BOH) at their meeting on 4/19. BOH seemed interested and will look into updating their regulation to reflect state-wide waste ban language. Permits turn over 12/31 so there's time to get it updated. BOH has next step of reviewing information provided (Tiana sent follow up email with links and resources); Tiana will follow up in a month if we haven't heard more.



o By end of the summer, we should have a clear understanding of whether we will need to bring this to a town vote as a bylaw or not, so that we can get it onto the Fall town meeting in time.

## ITEM 6: MRF tour

• Tiana collecting names/emails of those interested (14 so far), will send follow-up for scheduling, likely for late May / June. Idea to rent a van for transport but perhaps easiest to just carpool among those participating.

Item not anticipated: Green Business concept – particularly in regards to the Styrofoam and plastics bylaw – we will revisit this in a couple of months.

ITEM 7: Next Meeting: May 17, 2023

Adjourned 8:10.