

Meeting Minutes SC Feb 8th, 2021
Via Zoom

Attendees: Lauren Therriault, Nancy Dowey, Brittany Overton, Jamie Bemis, Herb D'Arcy, Janet Metcalf, Donna Worthen,

Meeting called to order by Nancy Dowey.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Donna and seconded by Herb. All approved.

Recycling Sub Committee report. All of us looked at the flyer that Jamie, Herb and Janet worked on. Jamie will add a section about the select board approving and recommending these two projects. Looks really good. Janet wants to know how we will distribute it and get the word out about the video. Jan made a poster that is at the Transfer Station about the Zoom session. Paige at Lakes Region and PARIE are going to share this information as well. Hard to distribute the flyers while being socially distanced. Donna said she has put some at Hannaford.

March 13th is town meeting and we need to get people to go to Town Meeting. Britt said that for Deliberative Session someone made an infographic and posted it on facebook and got people interested in wanting to go to the meeting. Lay out the simple math of it. Letter to the editor. Jan will make a list of local Newspapers. Newfound Lake Life- sure to print something there. Jamie will send the flyer to the paper and others will write letters to the editor. Jan will send letters. Promote both ideas; compactor and solar array. Hand out flyers at voting on March 9th? No one is available, maybe we could ask to leave the flyers by the book about the warrant articles.

Janet and Herb are going to stand up at town meeting. Herb will cover the cost of the flyer printing. Jamie will ask Dawna for a quote. Thanks Herb! Since it;s a town committee could we print at the town hall? Ask Nik. Library can print color copies for 40 cents a sheet. Keep in mind for Dawna's quote. How exciting!!! This is why we started and it's coming true.

Nancy said there is a woman in Uganda who is making bricks out of plastic.

Composting- Nancy. Donna and Janet went to the workshop by Paige Wilson. Town manager in Tamworth is doing composting and he's happy to talk to us about his plan. Paige said the best thing to do is tell people how much money we'd save if they started composting. 40% of waste is compostable. How to figure out how many people are composting now. Sample survey? Get a good representation. Donna suggested to put something in the school newsletter asking how many people compost. Respond to our e-mail or send something back to us to say yes. Then we can compare how many people compost now vs after the composting initiative. Will talk about this more in March.

Locally Produced: Nancy doing a composting? Paige is doing part 2 on Composting soon. Lauren for March? April-composting May- recycling weird stuff. *reach out to the planning commission.

Community Garden: want to move forward with what we had planned for last year. Plan B is to do the infrastructure and get the beds built. Everyone who was going to donate reconfirmed that they will still be able to donate.

Bylaws: Most committees have an organizational meeting and bylaws to restructure who is chair. Vice chair, secretary, charge. Britt will draft something up to bring to the next meeting. Janet proposes that we continue with the roles we have this year. Britt seconded, all approved.

Book club: Feb 15th. We love the book. Jamie did a great job with the discussion, open to changes. Britt said she felt like a few people did not participate a lot and might have in a different situation. Britt may jump in next time and call on people. Lauren thinks if we could get the questions first so we could think on them before the meeting. Perhaps the March club meeting could be at Slim Baker outside? Wide range of people. Let people know they can put things in the chat. More people are registered. Britt will send an email to new person who is registered.

Feb 22nd: Let's Talk Trash. Tell everyone to go! Get someone to write/interview Janet for the paper. Nancy will email Brendan about the paper. The Bristol Sustainability Committee's Zero Waste Map is a resource that helps community members identify local businesses, organizations and other locations that provide options for reducing waste.
Zero Waste Guide: Britt send the info:

Who is listed

The map lists locations that provide ways to reduce the amount of waste in our lives that cannot be reused or recycled. This can be achieved in many ways, including:

Purchasing products with environmentally-friendly packaging

Buying local food that does not need to be transported long distances

How to submit a business, organization, or other resource to be considered for the map

Email sustainability@townofbristolnh.org with the name, physical location and contact information for the entity providing zero waste resources to the community. We encourage you to also include your own name and contact information so that we may reach out to you with any questions we have.

Electric Cars: GM going for 2035 all Electric. Britt will send links again for electric cars.

Buy Nothing: going well! See if more people can join.

Herb left to make dinner. Luck Rosemary.

Articles: send ideas to Lauren.

Earth Day: April 22nd. Worry about it at the next meeting. Lauren is planning activities, Jamie will donate worms. Nancy has plastic containers. Britt will help find books for each level. She can film a video of herself reading.

Mural: let that idea go. Too expensive.

Pollinator Pathways: big and long term. Lots of education. Donna will send a link to bee hotel. Look up "The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. Tunnel Nests for Native Bees"

Next meeting March 8th, last minute strategizing. Jamie can't attend so Britt will host it. Maybe after that start meeting in person. April outside meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Lauren seconded by Janet at 8:05pm.