

**SUSTAINABILTY COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**July 26, 2021**

**6:30 pm**

**Meeting at 141 Gallahad**

In attendance: Nancy, Herb, Donna, Janet and guest Chris Durgin  
Lauren was absent.

Approve minutes- Motion made and seconded to approve minutes  
from last meeting

**Recycling Start Up-**

Create enthusiasm-advertising -Herb has been passing out flyers  
at the transfer station with good response. Saturday more than 150  
flyers were distributed. Schedule set: Herb, Saturdays 10-12, Nancy  
will continue next Saturday, 2-4; Jan on Mondays 11-2, and Donna  
Aug. 7, 10-12. Meeting next Monday Aug.2nd, 10 a.m. at Town  
Offices to discuss roll out, and information distribution as well as  
making certain staff at transfer station is informed and on board -  
need positive attitude. Nancy, Herb and Jan will meet with Nik, Don,  
and Mark. Lauren's article in Newfound Landing was really well  
received. All her articles are a big boost to our committee work. Herb  
spoke with Cade about putting updated information about recycling  
on the town's website.

Communications person- We have lost our communication person  
and need to make other plans. Maybe instead of producing our own  
newsletter (though we all loved it) we could ask to have information  
put into the Town Crier and keep Al Blakely informed. Also, the  
library continues to be a good source for sharing information.  
Nancy will handle this for now.

Other Communication - All town committees have been asked to  
report to the Select Board on their goals - Nancy will report on  
Monday August 2nd. We read over the Charge we were given as a  
committee and will discuss, clarify goals by the end of this meeting.

## **Goals decided upon:**

**1)Recycling, 2)Information/outreach to residents and select board, 3)Car Charging station in Bristol, 4)Composting efforts, 5)Re-wilding project as example for community, 6)Work with local businesses on Sustainability Issues/Concerns, 7)Develop projects with local schools. 8)Can we get a budget from the town?**

**Button-up Workshop - The Sustainability Committee and the Energy Committee are co-partners working with PAREI in hosting a zoom workshop about NH Saves home energy program. Sept. 8, 6:30-8 pm on zoom. Jan will handle contact with PAREI and outreach. Jan will talk to Lauren to find out if possible to send info home with students, flyers around town, local press, maybe Hazardous Waste day (Jan talk to Steve Favorite) and/or the transfer station. Send Jan ideas of how to promote. This is a great program with funding help to make homes more energy efficient.**

**Paper shredding- A request came from Don Milbrand to look into providing paper shredding for the town - offices, and/or residents. Nancy did some research and will follow up with town offices to see if they are interested, should residents be invited to bring paper? Service available every other month - they come to you but need a building. Cost is affordable but who pays for it?**

**Re-wild Seed Project and NAN- Building has been sold but should not affect re-wilding project. Bees have moved in but Echinacea plants did not survive. We need to plant more. This is a model project - use as example for residents and businesses. Donna and Lauren have written a grant to work with elementary school students on similar project - still waiting to hear back.**

**Kids Crafts -Lauren not here to report**

**Vice chair nominations- Brittany resigned so we need a new vice chair. Wait for full committee in attendance to decide. Herb volunteered, Jan was nominated.**

**Another new member - still looking. Chris attended and is**

considering. We are also looking for a high school student. Jamie has moved out of town but wants to remain as helpful supporter and will zoom in. We all agreed this would be wonderful.

Regenerative Reads Book Club-August 2nd at Slim Baker Lodge outdoors 6:30 pm. Braiding SweetGrass is the book.

Charging station for electric cars- We still see this as a goal of our committee to continue doing research. Need a plan.

Other business/announcements- Nancy mentioned the importance of Composting as a goal - encouraging restaurants, town residents to do this/ make it one of our goals. Look at Lebanon as an example. Can we do something at the high school? Hannafords grocery is doing a lot of food recycling, and cardboard recycling. It is part of their business plan and they should be acknowledged for this.

Budget for our committee - we should keep track of expenditures and ask town for a budget for next year. Add this to our goals?

Next meeting August 10, 6:30 pm at the Library.

Motion made, seconded, and passed to adjourn: 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

Janet Metcalf (in Lauren's absence). Lauren - we missed you!