

Sustainability Committee
Town of Bristol NH
Minutes 2-15-2023

Members in attendance: Brenda, Jeremy, Jan, Nancy, Herb
Absent: Lauren

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm
Minutes of last month's meeting approved.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) RECYCLING - Herb gave a report - cardboard continues, as does aluminum cans. We will have a celebration when we reach 100 tons, cardboard sometime this spring likely.
- 2) REUSABLE BAG PROJECT - Hannafords has a new manager and he is interested in working with us. As long as employees are somehow involved, it is o.k. to have an event outside Hannafords. Brenda will check if Earth Day, April 22 works. She will also check on cost and have him order 100 reusable bags for us to pass out as part of our promotion campaign to cut back on single use plastic. Jan checked with Community Services and they are on board to be part of our campaign. Nancy looked for grants to purchase bags but did not have any success, There is currently \$150 available to us which we can use to purchase bags for the campaign. We should also print out a small information sheet about single use plastic to hand out.
- 3) ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL - High School is only available on March 2nd so that doesn't work. We considered UCC, Town offices, old town hall and then decided the Library is the best place because they will help promote and have equipment. Jan will ask when they have a Tuesday evening available and then schedule a showing of the film Merrimack:River at Risk at that time. We will then discuss showing additional films or just promoting them to watch at home.
- 4) WARRANT ARTICLE ON SOLAR TAX EXEMPTION - we have individually been talking about this petition to help people understand the importance of encouraging availability of installing solar on residential properties. Many towns in New Hampshire already have tax exemptions.
- 5) SKIP THE STIUFF CAMPAIGN - Nancy reported on a campaign being kicked off soon in other towns that encourages restaurant patrons not to

get things like plastic forks, ketchup, etc. This is especially good for take out. Committee agreed that we should do this in Bristol - there are posters to put up in restaurants and we could make it part of a local project.

6) EARTH DAY - TTCC is considering a project we could help kids with. They will get back to Nancy. Jeremy will bring up our Re-use bag project for earth day with middle school and Honor Society high school students once we have a plan. Try to get them to participate.

7) LEGISLATION - there are many bills in the state legislature this season on energy and the environment that we should pay attention to.

8) OTHER BUSINESS -

The Minot-Sleeper Library is collecting plastic salad boxes.

Jan reported on a discussion with Matt Rose from Lakes Region Planning Commission on a project they would like us to be a part of. The project is called Granite Upcycle and offers way to reuse items to keep them out of the Solid Waste Stream. LRPC is also working on training for transfer station operators. The committee agreed to work with him probably in August to support the projects as they apply to Bristol.

9) NEW MEMBERS - We are always looking for new members.

NEXT MEETING; MARCH 8, 2023

Motion passed to adjourn at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Metcalf