

Sustainability Committee  
June 30, 2020 Meeting via Zoom Minutes

Attendees: Nancy Dowey, Brittany Overton, Lauren Therriault, Karen Boyd, Elsa McConolgue, Janet Cavanaugh, Jamie Bemis, Jan Metcalf and Herb D'Arcy, Janet Cavanaugh.

Meeting called to order 6:34pm

Two new members introduced: Janet Metcalf introduced herself to the group. Jamie Bemis moved from Brooklyn to Bristol recently. Has a degree in City planning with specialties in sustainability and is now doing regenerative farming in Danbury.

Motion to approve last times meeting minutes made by Karen Boyd seconded by Brittany Overton. Approved.

Brittany and Jamie talked about the intersectionality with Black Lives Matter and Sustainability and other topics.

Tom Keegan and Steve are incharge of Hazardous Waste Day at NRHS August 1st. Tom says he has enough volunteers.

NRRA- Bonnie met with members yesterday and will send notes to us soon. Bonnie knows where all the things go for recycling. Glass goes to CT after it's ground up, used in roads. NHDOT refuses to use glass. Municipal Solid Waste, suggested paper go into that. 1-7 plastics in one container to be sorted. No point in us sorting it. She suggested we start a Regional Recycling Center. Have Nik go to other towns to get them to join in. She says it's expensive to buy the equipment to start recycling again (bailer etc). Dillis Morris from Alexandria came a few months ago to talk about that. Need somewhere to store it. Towns involved: Hill, Danbury, Alexandria, maybe Hebron. Hebron pays Bristol to use the transfer station in Bristol. Want to get a scale to weigh garbage because construction materials have been thrown away and weigh a lot.

Brittany wonders how many people will drive to another town to use the Recycling Center?

Karen says that people vacationing

"Pay as you throw" people buy bags to throw away, only use those to toss in the compactor.

Jamie recommends sharing zero waste ideas. Freecycle, give things away for free. Maybe host at the farmers market in Bristol.

Kate, not sure of her last name, at "Reimagined". Lauren will try to talk to her.

Ashland gets paid for our cardboard. It's a lot of labor, moving it a lot of times etc. Janet thinks this is on a trial basis. One trailer a week to Ashland is all they will let us do at this point. Bristol doesn't make any of that money.

Nancy said she thinks an extra person should be hired to manage all of these things.

Brittany wants to figure out more before going to the Select Board with this information.

Janet talked about needing to figure out the money and make a flowchart/pricing things out.

Karen wants to hear what Mark has thought about the Regional Recycling.

Janet Metcalf and Herb both agree we should tell Selectboard what we're thinking of.

Nancy said scale would cost \$60,000 but if we make it back by charging that might be a way to get the Selectboard to pay. Nancy wants to meet with members to look at the information from Bonnie.

VFW picks up aluminum cans once a week. Janet says that there needs to be more education for what is recycled.

Janet M says we should do more educating, maybe at the Farmers Markets? Physical ways to present information to people in town.

Nancy will meet with Selectboard on July 20th.

Nancy talked to Tara Robberts, need permits to apply for composting. She said we could get a permit. As of June 2020 in Vermont Composting is required. Hollis NH is composting and needs a lot of volunteers. Jamie uses worm composting, and could do a workshop for people.

3 programs that the library could host. Either online or in person. Maybe meet outside at the new park. Check with Nik about that.

-composting, recycling, what are they interested in.... Have a round table discussion, invite Ned and Nik, Annie Kuster perhaps. Put it in the Library newsletter, Newfound Landing, personal invites to people we want to come. Facebook and Instagram as well.

Paper shredding? Janet C talked to the owner at Newfound Impressions she had thought of buying a shredding and charging people for that service. Lauren wants to let people know about shredding paper and uses in gardening. Perhaps the town could sell shredding paper and compost?

Lauren Interview someone new for Newfound Landing? Jamie will do it.

Next meeting on July 14th at 6:30, Jamie will set it up. Next time Jamie will talk about regenerative and sustainability.

August 6th at 6:30 via zoom.

Move to adjourn by Karen Boyd Seconded by Brittany Overton at 7:59.

Action Items:

Janet Cavanaugh: make a flow chart of where materials go, what we're recycling already, what are the options for things we aren't recycling now.

Jamie: talk to Brittany about composting and event planning with Lauren as well. Set up a zoom meeting for the next meeting.

Lauren: HHW article, Roundtable ideas.

Nancy: compile all info from Bonnie with Janet M. and Karen.