

BRISTOL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MAY 30, 2023

Present: Nancy, Herb, Donna, Jan, Brenda
Absent: Jeremy

- 1.) Approved minutes of last meeting
 - 2.) Reusable Bags Project at Hannafords - it went really well. We were in the news and passed out 200 shopping bags. Good reception from shoppers. Thanks to Nancy and Brenda and, of course, Hannaford's who supplied the bags.
Rite-Aid does not give out plastic bags any longer. They charge 10 cents now if you want a bag. This is a corporate decision.
 - 3.) Recycling Update - Herb will speak with Mark to find out how close we are to reaching 100 tons and to find out plans to rebuild storage shed for cardboard.
 - 4.) Film Showing - Jan reported that the film "Merrimack: A River At Risk" will be shown at the Minot Sleeper Library on July 18 at 6:30 pm. Library will make a flier and Jan will co-ordinate publicity with help from the committee. Jan will get info to NLRA to put in their newsletter.
 - 5.) Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW) - the Sustainability Committee is helping on the committee this year. Herb, Nancy, and Jan are working with Tom Keegan who is site co-ordinator. The Date is August 5th, 8:30 - Noon. We will need help on the day of the event. Herb will talk to Masons, Jan will ask Rotary Club for volunteers. Donna volunteered
 - 6.) Skip the Stuff project with local restaurants- this is part of a state wide campaign. We will speak with local restaurants to get information and encourage them to not give out re-usable plastic straws, utensils, etc. unless customer requests. We will talk to the restaurants by June 20, our next meeting and then perhaps do an article for the BUZZ about response. Restaurant assignments: Nancy -BINN, Schaketts at the lake, Purple Pitt, Pizza Benne, BHOP/ Herb already spoke to Gina's and Homestead/ Brenda- very Excellent, Fresh Catch, Gillys/ Jan - Lin Cross, Cielitos, Bristol Diner.
 - 7.) June 17 NH Network Summitt - Nancy reported on this event in Concord sponsored by the NH Network for The Environment and the Plastics Group. She will attend.
Community Night Out June 29 - Bristol events committee asked us to participate in this event at Kelly Park. We agreed to have a table and pass out information. We will raffle off water bottles and give out a flier on the value of using tap/well water and NOT buying plastic water bottles. Jan will purchase 3 water bottles with our cash reserves.
 - 8.) Focus for the Future - We had a discussion on future projects and the importance of providing information, outreach to residents and businesses in a variety of ways.
 - 9.) Other business: Donna Worthen is taking a sabbatical due to family requirements.
- MEETING ADJOURNED 7:48 PM

NEXT MEETING JUNE 20 6:30 PM at MINOT SLEEPER LIBRARY
Respectfully submitted by Janet Metcalf