

Sustainability Committee
July 28, 2020 Meeting via Zoom Minutes

Attendees: Brittany Overton, Lauren Therriault, Karen Boyd, Jamie Bemis, Jan Metcalf and Herb D'Arcy.

Meeting called to order 6:36pm

Jamie Bemis made a motion to approve minutes seconded by Karen Boyd. All approved.

Check in: freecycle, Buy Nothing Plans, composting in Lebanon on NHPR.

<https://www.nhpr.org/post/lebanon-landfills-11-family-compost-pilot-diverts-one-ton-food-scraps#stream/0> Saving shredded paper for packing materials. Ban on reusable bags has been lifted...or will be soon. Getting ready for HHW day.

Roundtable chat: info has been posted online. RSVP form has been sent out. Reminder will be sent on Wednesday (tomorrow) Jan mentioned someone saying what the town is doing right now in terms of recycling. Nancy will initially say something about it. Business owners have a separate one for them in the future. Karen wants to ask restaurant owners, wait until after roundtable and pick a date at the next meeting.

HHW Day: publicize it. Article in Newfound Landing coming out on Thursday.

Recycling subcommittee: Karen reported that we haven't heard back from George in Alexandria about regional recycling. Waiting to hear back. Jan has been doing plastic research through NRRA mostly.

Composting: Ask about the Lebanon program. Herb will try to find someone to contact for a tour. Ask Nik for a contact person, he knows a lot of the right people to talk to.

Elsa sent an email about recycling at Purple Pit; 2 regular dumpsters and one recycling. She looked at sticker on dumpster and has been recycling those items at work. Want to ask her why the Purple Pit goes that route? Mark B mentioned that he tries to tell companies in town that they should use a dumpster at their business. Maybe have a discount or agreement with the businesses for others to use. Would Hannaford be willing to take some community cardboard?

Selectboard meeting: Nancy spoke to them on the 20th. The meetings were online, some are available but others had tech problems so they aren't recorded. Herb would like Nancy's feedback about the meeting. Jan said the impression she got was for our committee to do the background work and then they will take what we find into considerations.

Lauren has started a list of books, magazines, movies. Send to everyone to add to and have for the Roundtable. Add it into the thank you for the follow-up email.

Motion to Adjourn by Herb DArcy, seconded by Janet Metcalf at 7:16pm.

Next meeting will be August 11th at 6:30.

Action Items:

Britt and Lauren: Roundtable reminders sent/posted.

All: Think of ideas for a roundtable for businesses.

Nancy: give us all a report on the Selectboard meeting from the 20th.

All: Listen to the Lebanon NHPR story.

Lauren: Share the Books/Movies list for others to add to.