

Sustainability Committee
August 25, 2020 Meeting via Zoom Minutes

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

Meeting called to order 6:32pm

Motion to approved minutes by Jan Metcalf seconded by Herb D'arcy. All voted yes.

The October 17th event is a go. Les Dion gave permission. PARIE is too busy to come but Bill Dowey will do a solar talk. Get names of all solar companies to give out.

NRRA recycling vehicle to come to the event.

Reimagined- Katie, excited. APU said she would come too.

Recycling and Composting Booths.

A table about who we are, what we do. Worm composting?

Newfound Pathways- coming.

NLRA- Jamie will ask. And also NH Rivers Council, Society for the Protection of NH Forests.

What will we call it? Fall Sustainability Fair.

Kids activities:

30 day challenge

Make reusable bag from old tee shirt

Plastic bottle crafts

Seed bombs

Color postcard to send to representatives

Passport to visit all booths, booklet with a stamp or stamp out.

Paige Wilson: Booth on non toxic options.

Cardigan Mountain Orchard: Ask if they want to come. Community Services as well.

Who else to invite:

Walker farm: donate pumpkins

Printing shop: donate paper Dawna

Garden club: seed bomb making Jane White

Art teachers: recycled art show

Bring a plastic bottle and decorate it.

Raffle: compost bin, clothesline supplies reusable bags,

Prizes
Book giveaway
Live music?

Promote at schools

Use the Middle School side.

Publicity: FB page, in the column. Flyers at transfer station. Jamie will make flyers. Make a big sign for downtown? Who gives permission? Bulletin board right at Primary. Town Clerk's office?

Bring mugs for people if they don't have one?

Jan said she would pay for the banner.

Shackets, and Woodmans Breweries, sell the growler at the event. Coupon for fill-up.

Ask Nik for a way to reach out to get business to apply and share their idea/business and we go through them to see if they fit with our view.

Email is: sustainability@townofbristolnh.org

Karen worried we shouldn't be too business oriented and trying to sell stuff. Keep focus on Education.

Recycling Committee report:

- Who should we communicate with? Nik wants to be added to minutes.
- Cardboard: information at Thursday's selectboard meeting.
- Budget: people are starting to put together October. Agree on specific projections for money/budget. On the 8th we need to think of 3 things to present to the board. Meet with Nik to think specifically about what to present to the Board. Steel Cans, Regional, Composting?
- Budget for our committee.

Karen: wondering if Mark Bucklin has a budget set up for bailer etc? Janet C will ask next week. Herb was wondering how much land there is at the Transfer Station. Does Mark have jurisdiction over the property where the brush is kept?

Bailer if we're planning to do regional? Might be an incentive to bring to Alexandria when/if we do regional. Compactor vs Bailer, big price difference. The compactor is less expensive. Janet C wonders how many people it takes to fill/use the compactor.

Are we included in the Highway Department Budget/ Transfer Station or our own Warrant Article? Not starting something new; we are supporting departments, and businesses that are more sustainable. Sustainability and Highway Department connected.

As much recycling here as we can do. Need Mark's input. CIP- Capital Improvements Plan. Any grants? NRRA has grants we could apply for.

Britt: recommend a warrant article for XYZ (with Mark's approval) for the March town meeting. Highlights the expense and gauge interest/concern about the issue from the community. Lots of time to educate people before then.

Jan will meet with Nik and go

Britt made a motion to have Janet Metcalf and Herb Darcy to meet with Nik and the budget/warrant articles.. Lauren Seconded motion. Discussion closed: Vote: Unanimous yes vote.

Communicating:

- Committee communication plans?
- Table issue until Jamie is back.

Zero Waste

- Developing guide listed the business. Britt will help with making the map online to go with it.

Start Fresh

Locally Produced

A Monthly Series to Inspire and Educate on Living Green

Karen Moved to Adjourn at 7:57. Seconded by Nancy Dowey.

Action Items:

Elsa: Talk to Walker Farm about the event.

Lauren: Call Cardigan Mountain Soapworks and Dawna at Printing Shop.

Britt: Ask Nik about how to invite the community. Banner? Ask for businesses addresses

Jamie: design and print flyers

Jan: talk to Garden Club

Nancy: will write a letter to business to fill out and respond by 22nd.