

Sustainability Committee
September 8 Meeting, 2020 Via Zoom Minutes

Attendees: Nancy Dowey, Brittany Overton, Lauren Therriault, Jamie Bemis, Herb D Arcy and Jan Metcalf.

Meeting called to order 6:33pm

Motion to approved minutes by Britt Overton seconded by Nancy Dowey. All voted yes.

Karen Boyd has resigned. Think about who else we could ask to join.

Jamie shared the flyer for the Fair. Janet will get 3 printed for around town.

NLRA is coming, Clean Energy NH and a clean detergent booth. Britt will have a booth from the library about zero waste options for home and office.

Composting from Nancy. Britt suggested taking pictures of your compost Game to match the compost to the person. Collage of pictures of compost. Janet said the Garden Club has a meeting on 17th and will see if they want to do the seed bombs. NRRA recycling cart not to come this time because we have nowhere to put the recycling. Jamie has an idea for a recycling game.

Will people bring tables and tents/covers? Ask TTCC about tables?

Rules for the fair in terms of taking money, wrappings, town policies? Signs at entrance about social distancing. Jamie will make a version of the policy/guidelines for the fair. Are there town ordinances about selling things? Or Raffles? Sustainable items for sale. Table that and come back when Christina Goodwin gets back to Britt.

Letter for businesses that Nancy wrote. Looked good. Britt couldn't get a list of emails from Nik. Maybe wait for the email list or just stick with the businesses we have asked already. In the future reach out to businesses about sustainable choices.

Nancy's daughter goes to a market twice a week where stores donate their food that's a day over expiration and you make a donation.

Recycling: Herb and Janet have learned a lot about recycling with a meeting with Nik. Lack of space at the Bristol Transfer Station. Herb got in touch with George Tutthill from Alexandria. They have 18 acres off of 104. Regional recycling. Meeting with Mark Bucklin on Thursday (9/10) Mark is interested in getting cardboard back. Make a plan for taking that info to the Select Board. Need to keep exploring that and get the Select Board to formalize and finalize a plan for

regional recycling. We need to propose something soon for it to be in the budget for next year. Don Millbrand told Herb he'd be happy to help us with this.

Janet made a motion to present to the Select Board about Cardboard recycling, and formalize a plan for regional recycling. Britt seconded the motion. Jamie asked about getting Paige Wilson to help out. Get Paige and George onboard. Paige sent an email about a tour of a different regional recycling facility. Herb said the Select Board needs to make formal motion to do this, we can't do it. One member should go to every select board meeting and present something. Herb will go to the next meeting of the Select Board. No further discussion. Vote: motion passed unanimously.

Flat budget year. Be careful of how this is presented to town.

Request for budget for 2021. Money to cover printing costs for future events? Needs to be put in soon. Line items: printing, supplies for events?

Herb moves to present a \$500 line item to the Select Board for our budget. Janet seconded motion. Britt said she feels asking for money might come off wrong. Janet agrees it might come off as ammunition against us/the committee. Britt thinks we could find the money in the community. Herb withdrew his motion. Nancy will look into other resources.

Lucille Keegan wondering about electric car charging stations at the library. EDC. Britt will do some research about it and grants for them.

Communication: Monthly newsletter? Presented by Jamie. Building more of an audience and promoting events/educating. Lots of exciting stuff to share. Jamie would send it out/write it.

+**14,000 homes heated by waste we send to the transfer station, not to a landfill.

Have a sign up at the Fair for Newsletter. Jamie will take the lead on that and reach out to Lauren and Elsa about it.

Zero Waste Guide: Written form, need help to turn it into a map. Any additional ideas? View and sort different ways. Map version and by category. Add recommendations/vetting places. Have copies at the fair and have people give us ideas. Make it cute and print it up for handing out.

New member? Maybe someone from Alexandria on the committee? Dillis Morris? Ask in Newspaper. Betty Dukus? Ask people at the fair?

New business: Britt noticed wildflowers on the side of the road. Iowa has a program where they plant wildflowers on the side of the road. Explore that idea? Adopt a section of road? UNH cooperative extension had a webinar about wildflower gardens. Maybe ask them? Earth day event? Adopt a section or area to clean up once a month.

Motion to adjourn by Janet seconded by Jamie. Meeting adjourned 8:05pm.

Action Items:

Everyone: take a picture of compost to send to Britt. Think about a new member to ask to join?

Jamie: guidelines copied, flyer finalized and distributed

Janet: print big flyers, after getting approval for hanging them up.

Herb: talk to Select Board members about regional recycling.

Lauren: Talk to Dawna from the print shop.