

Sustainability Advisory Committee

January 16, 2019

Present: Emily Walton, John Gorham, Chuck Kabat, Matt Simonson, Deb Harrison, Virginia LeClair, Environmental Coordinator

Guests: Joe Flanagan, DPW Director, Lisa Brayton, David Ward

Minutes Review

Add to the list of people present at the 12.12.18 meeting Virginia LeClair, Environmental Coordinator. E. Walton made a motion to accept minutes as revised. Matt second. All in favor.

Update on Dedham Water Works Project

Deb Harrison updated the Committee on the project saying that on 12.12.18 Leigh, Johanna and Ginny met briefly before the meeting. Deb reviewed speakers, event date – May 4th from 9-12 at the Historical Society and that L.L. Bean would kick off their water programs that day, as well as provide a financial contribution to assist with the printing and promoting of the event. E. Walton noted that we should bring water trail maps that evening to the presentation. V. LeClair will do so.

There will be exhibits throughout the month and town at various locations.

Recap of MVP workshop

V. LeClair provided a re-cap of the workshops that took place during the day with key stakeholders and said she would send out the DRAFT report, which is a summary of the workshops and the public listening session for the committee's review. The Committee decided to hold the public report out at the same time as their 2/13 meeting, with the meeting occurring from 6:30-7:30 and the report out by the consultants from 7:30-8:30.

V. LeClair summarized the key priorities that were identified from the workshops for each group.

Plastic Bag reduction committee

The Committee reviewed the progress of the plastic bag reduction sub-committee to date and their draft bylaw.

Spring Recycling Day Discussion

V. LeClair reviewed the various recycling vendors confirmed and the dates. She will work next on volunteers. We will recruit students from the High School who need Community Service hours, Deb will also promote at Nobles. The volunteers should arrive at 7:30 for an 8:00 event start. Reach out to the PREP students, as well as Blue Hills students.

Confirm with Baystate Textiles what they take and clarify what they are accepting vs what is on the box. Ask Katherine and have her poster reflect the flyer.

The Committee noted for textiles to make the flyer clearer by saying everything must be bagged.

V. LeClair will ask the Animal Rescue League, per Deb's suggestion if they would come to collect sheets and towels.

E. Walton suggested to add plastic bag collection. Chuck concurred.

Old/New Business

V. LeClair updated the group on the button cell mercury collection program. The Committee earns funds for batteries collected. However, we could earn more funds if we were able to distribute the boxes to more locations and regularly monitor and collect. M. Simonson offered to do just that. V. LeClair will bring boxes and information to the next meeting.

C. Kabat stressed the importance of promoting this information on Facebook and why it's important to recycle mercury batteries.

M. Simonson made a motion to adjourn. Emily Second. All in favor.