

Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting

11/13/19

Present: John Gorham, Deb Harrison, Andy Belden, Leigh Hafrey, Chuck Kabat, Emily Walton, Matt Simonson

Present: David Ward, Jenna Gibson, Kathy Smith

Minutes

D. Harrison moved to accept the minutes. C. Kabat second. All in favor.

Review of Fall Recycling Day Event

J. Gorham mentioned that the cones were helpful. People lined up at 7:30 for the 8am recycle day event. However, it was not as much as in the past. V. LeClair said she sent it out to all the schools. However, we don't think it went out, as parents at the ECEC did not see it.

Andy Belden said he was surprised with all the air conditioners. He wondered if they were being responsibly recycled. Save that Stuff took the air conditioner. V. LeClair said she will check.

Plastic Bag Reduction Bylaw Discussion

V. LeClair reviewed the update from the sub-committee. Chuck K. and Kathy from the sub-committee were going to work on an article for the paper about the plastic bag ban.

Committee members were available at local coffee shops for residents to ask questions about the plastic bag ban during Plastic Bag Coffees. Emily Walton reported that it was not well attended, but 2 people did stop over to express their support while they were at Big Bear. The next talk is 11/24 12-2:00 at Blue Bunny. The Committee and sub-committee members will be present at Mini and Town Meeting and will hand out flyers prior regarding why they should vote in support of Article 15.

MVP Action Grant – Climate Action & Resiliency Planning

V. LeClair reported on the MVP Action Grant process. Branding is underway with the logo. V. LeClair has posted a series of social media messages created by KLA Associates to encourage people to take the survey. The consultants will be at the holiday stroll 12/6 with clipboards and hot chocolate available for people to take the survey regarding what they would like to see in a Climate Action and Resiliency Plan. Interviews are underway with key stakeholders via the consultants. Action Items have been drafted and will be reviewed by the Committee at the next meeting. The hazardous mitigation plan will be addressed with interview questions with key stakeholders as well. We are planning our next meeting for February.

Old Business

J. Gorham got a letter from an anonymous citizen about the lights at Northeastern and how they are left on at the fields all the time. C. Kabat tweeted at NorthEastern about the issue. V. LeClair will follow up with them as well. J. Gorham said it shouldn't be hard to put it on a timer.

J. Gorham said that they are also looking for more people for the Transportation Committee. They meet once a month on Thursdays. Matt offered to join the Committee. John Gorham will notify them.

Adjourn

Matt S. made a motion to adjourn and Leigh H. second. All favor.