Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting September 11, 2019

Present: John Gorham, Chuck Kabat, Emily Walton, Deb Harrison, Matt Simonson

D. Harrison made a motion to open the meeting. C. Kabat second. All in favor.

Minutes Review

C. Kabat made a motion to accept the minutes. M. Simonson second. All in favor.

Branding Discussion

The Committee voted on which logo they liked the best from the logo tournament. Chuck #22, 33, 38, 46, 47
Matt #1, 11, 15, 46, 47
Emily #22, 26, 32, 41, 50
John #11, 22, 24, 44, 46
Deb #14, 12, 23, 46, 31

46 appears 4 times

Comment on #46 addressed changing the color of the red and also making the background "rays" not look like an explosion. The Committee liked that it had the river, First Church in Dedham, farm, tree - could be Avery Oak and doesn't have too many words. They wanted to make sure it translates to black and white well.

#22 was voted on 3 times.

Climate Adaptation & Resiliency Planning as Part of MVP Action Grant

V. LeClair went over the list of groups that were invited to the initial meeting and asked for feedback from the Committee. The Committee suggested inviting the following: Charles River Group, NewBridge on the Charles (through Terri Union), participants in the Climate listening session as part of the first planning grant through MVP, Representative McMurtry and Stephen Lynch, as well as Rush.

Plastic Bag Reduction Bylaw

The Committee reviewed the bylaw and made some changes so that they could have it submitted on the Town Meeting warrant for November Town Meeting. V. LeClair will make those changes and submit to the Assistant Town Administrator.

Fall Recycle Day, November 2nd

The Committee reviewed the flyer and it was noted that the prices needed to be updated. Recycle Day was discussed regarding volunteers to help, wondering about these options:

high school students (Chuck will reach out to the high school service coordinator) Plastic Bag reduction committee, Blue Hills Tech (John will contact). Chuck said he can help out at 7:30 on recycling day.

Old/New Business

- J. Gorham went to the Charles River meeting and they were talking about the statewide initiative to ban plastic bags. In the new agreement if you had a 2ml bag you are exempt, which is watered down compared to Dedham's and other communities' bylaws. It doesn't sound like it's going to go anywhere, and Dedham doesn't want to wait for the state. E. Walton stated that if ours was more strict than the state's that local law would rule, ours would still continue.
- J. Gorham also discussed the Master Planning meeting-discussion of the Manor Field project on the Streyer property trails.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by M. Simonson. 2nd by E. Walton, meeting adjourned.