

**Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
May 8, 2019**

Present: Andy Belden, Emily Walton, John Gorham, Deb Harrison, Chuck Kabat, Leigh Hafrey
Guests: Dave Ward

L. Hafrey made a motion to open the meeting. C. Kabat seconded. All in favor.

Minutes Review

C. Kabat made a motion to accept the minutes of 4/10/19. A. Belden second. All in favor.

Water Works

D. Harrison summarized the event: great turn-out, historical context was impactful, presenters were enthusiastic and engaging. All present agreed it was a great event. There is a collection of emails from the eventbrite sign-up and day-of sign-in – What do we want to do with that list of names? How can we continue the enthusiasm from the group of attendees.

L. Hafrey thought it would be nice to have the CRWA and NRWA slides. He observed that the event tilted science-y, but also included history, daily practice, informed young voices, and a great salesperson in John Briggs. The L.L.Bean message was pointed: “you don’t know what you’ve got.”

D. Harrison would like to make sure the event is covered appropriately in the papers, and wondered what to do with the photos when they come down from being exhibited around town. C. Kabat suggested including them in a social media campaign.

L. Hafrey highlighted the connections that were made behind the scenes with Dedham Land Trust, Dedham Civic Pride, and LLBean.

D. Harrison would like to continue the momentum and look at another angle besides water, maybe focusing a future event on landscape/land use/gardening.

C. Kabat suggested using collected emails, sending a follow-up email and a call to action, including pictures – maybe a fundraiser that could sponsor historic signs along the waterway?

Plastic Bag Reduction

J. Gorham will be presenting at the Board of Health meeting tomorrow (5/9/19). Dave Ward can attend in support. Deb suggested recruiting high school students (Evan) to be there.

Still waiting on the date for the Selectboard, May 23rd had been proposed by V. LeClair over email. Committee was not sure if that was confirmed. J. Gorham met with Dimitria Sullivan and she is supportive of the proposed bylaw.

Next step is C. Kabat reaching out to Town Meeting Precinct Captains to give them information and have a conversation.

Recycling Day

J. Gorham requested that V. LeClair send list of vendor cell phone numbers to committee prior to event. D. Harrison is hoping the vendors receive a confirmation email with the exact times the week leading up to the event.

E. Walton emailed plastic bag subcommittee to volunteer. C. Kabat is in touch with DPS. J. Gorham is in touch with Blue Hills. D. Harrison can pick up supplies from V. LeClair.

Arbor Day / Earth Day

Arbor Day event had low turnout but was well done, needed better marketing.

Earth Day clean-up: only anecdotal idea of how it went. E. Walton confirmed there were 10-15 people cleaning up the rail corridor by East Street, J. Gorham participated in clean-up in Greenlodge.

Sustainable Building Guidelines

E. Walton was enthusiastic about MAPC being involved in the process. C. Kabat has feedback which he'll send to Ginny. Committee was encouraged that the Wellesley guidelines are robust and seem easily transferable to Dedham.

Old/New Business

Green New Deal event on June 12th – D. Harrison reviewed details. Committee agreed to reschedule SAC meeting in June to June 19th so we could attend.

Town Meeting Warrant Article – original text reflects the opposite of what we wanted. Committee discussed having V. LeClair follow-up and investigate where the communication broke down, potentially looking into the Bylaw Review Committee meeting minutes.

D. Harrison made a motion to close the meeting. L. Hafrey second. All in favor.