

## **Sustainability Advisory Committee**

**January 8, 2020**

**Guests Present:** Karen Klopfler, Jane Staulzbach, Terri Union, Kathy Smith , Patty Tobin

**Present:** Emily Walton, Chuck Kabat, Andy Belden, Deb Harrison, Leigh Hafrey, John Gorham, V. LeClair

Motion to open the meeting made by Emily Walton, second by Leigh. All in favor.

Minutes were reviewed and accepted by Leigh and second by Chuck.

### **Plastic Bag Reduction Committee Update**

C. Kabat suggested to talk with organizations and companies, beyond banks for funding. Sub-committee will look at other organizations to talk with regarding support.

The sub-Committee will check with other communities to see what they have chosen for bags.

Look at Styrofoam and straws in the future. Paper straws cost 10x more than plastic straws said D. Harrison. Paper straws 2.5 cents compared to .5 cent for plastic - According to CNBC.

Terri Union said that their research at NewBridge showed that the plastic straws were not as big of a difference.

### **Charles River Green Alliance Update**

J. Gorham reported that this is an active group. He is attending their meetings and notifying them of what we are doing. They represent Dedham, Westwood, Norwood, Canton. Dave Atkins is the Chair and is on the Planning Board of Westwood.

### **MVP**

The committee reviewed the Goals set forth by the consultants and offered feedback. V. LeClair asked should we be more aggressive? Goal of 2050 or carbon neutral?

### **Goals for 2020**

Committee reviewed goals for 2020. C. Kabat suggested we review and edit and bring back to next meeting. Biggest one on short term goal is green business.

### **Old/business**

Handout reusable bags on recycling day John suggested.

Increased recycling education – part of our newsletter.

Motion to adjourn the meeting Leigh Hafrey. Emily second. All in favor.