

**Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
May 11, 2015**

Attending: Deb Harrison, Chuck Kabat, Rich McGuinness, Carol Hills, Virginia LeClair

D. Harrison opened the meeting of May 11, 2015

Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve.

Re-Cap of Recycling event, May 2nd

The event raised \$86.00 for scrap metal which will go to the Sustainability Revolving Fund for education and outreach programs. The committee discussed the planning of the event and thought more publicity and sooner was needed. They also suggested putting a box limit on the paper shredding, for example, first box free and then a charge for each box after that. The committee would take the extra cardboard to the transfer station for recycling. They thought the timing of 8am-12pm worked for the event and to stick with that going forward.

Update of Goals

Under goals the Committee discussed the next steps for the Dedham Greenway project. They agreed that the next step was to create a Friends of Group. The committee also discussed concerns that were brought up by the residents and how the issue of arsenic in the soil, if there is any, and how would it be addressed when reconstructing this path.

The Committee liked the idea of making it a destination with history and art. C. Kabat suggested re-branding it the Dedham Heritage Trail, which would create a better connection with the community. It would be a living, walkable museum. We would want to involve the historical society, MBCG and others. The Committee was enthusiastic about this idea.

R. McGuinness suggested another goal update, which included changes to zoning in parking lots to make surface parking conditional. This would allow for more trees and better stormwater treatment and less heat island effect.

Old/New Business

The Committee discussed that a vacancy needs to be filled and suggested names to contact to see if they were interested.

Adjourn

C. Kabat made a motion to adjourn. R. McGuinness second. All in favor.