

NOTES
DEDHAM SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 3, 2013

Present: Jonathan Briggs (JB), Leigh Hafrey (LH), Richard McGuinness (RM), Deb Harrison (DH), Chuck Kabat (CK), Carol Hills (CH), Mark MacLean (MM), Virginia LeClair (VL)

JB opened the meeting and welcomed the newest member of the Sustainability Advisory Committee, Leigh Hafrey. Leigh has over 20 years of experience teaching at the MIT Sloan School of Management.

Approval of Minutes

CK made a motion to accept the minutes of April 8, 2013. DH second. All in favor.

Re-Cap of Earth Day Event, April 22, 2013

JB thought the idea to show a movie was a good one and that we could build upon it for future events. This year was not a huge turnout, which is a shame because the theater at the Middle School is great. There were conflicting events that night that could have contributed to the low turnout.

CK agreed that it was a great event and despite all of our promotion, we need to do more to get people to the event. He suggested partnering with the High School for a film festival and invite the students to join by showing short films. They would be 3-5 minutes long and we could invite other schools in Dedham to join in as well.

CH thought that was a great idea and suggested another way to attract people to the event would be to have a big name, like Bill McKibbin come and speak.

Appointment of Member to the Transportation Advisory Committee

DH made a motion to officially appoint Mark MacLean to the Transportation Advisory Committee. CK second. All in favor.

Rich McGuinness inquired about the role of the Committee and if they considered Electric Vehicles. VL stated that DOER is offering a grant program where communities receive a free electric vehicle charging station, but they would have to purchase a vehicle in exchange. At this point in time the Town is not in a position to be purchasing a vehicle. The Committee agreed that it would be more effective to purchase the charging station, which costs approximately \$15,000 and place it in a central location such as the Key Stone lot.

Climate Change Adaptation Planning

VL mentioned that MAPC is working on a climate adaptation plan and she has attended several meeting on this subject. They are expected to come out with their plan this fall, which the Town hopes to use as a blueprint for creating their own. She asked the Committee if they would support working on this effort with her. CH asked if there were plans from other communities that we could review. VL stated that there were and said she could get copies of Cambridge's most recent plan. RM mentioned that Boston has a plan as well. CH expressed interest in light of this discussion in contacting the Board of Selectmen to ensure that the plans for the proposed location of Town Hall, Police and Senior Center at the Rustcraft Road building would incorporate measures that might be

found in this plan. VL suggested that the Committee write a letter to the BOS. CH said she would do that.

Next Step Living Update

VL provided an update from NSL on the number of solar and weatherization projects completed. JB asked if we could put these numbers up on the website and Facebook in graphics. He thought we need more visuals to show the success of the program and to further promote it.

JB also mentioned that NSL gave \$3,000 to the Dedham Gardening Program.

Green Kit Discussion

JB discussed creating a kit for events or a guide that would discuss recycling and transportation. He mentioned that the EPA has a good guide and he would send the link around. This would be aimed primarily at events like sports and outdoor festivals. RM suggested that it would be more of a checklist than a kit and that it would be specific to Dedham.

Green Fair Planning Discussion

JB provided background on the Green Fair for the new members. He mentioned that we have always partnered with another group, whether it is a Town or another event. This year we would like to partner with Dedham Day again and the Committee agreed that would be a good idea. DH liked that idea because there is an opportunity to reach out to new people, we would not just be preaching to the choir. VL said we would need a hard and fast rain date, as last year was difficult for vendors to keep postponing due to the weather. Everyone agreed to move forward with the Green Fair for September 29, 2013 in partnership with Dedham Day. They will start now to formulate a list of vendors.

Adjourn

DH made a motion to adjourn. MM second. All in favor.