

**Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
January 4, 2016**

Present: Jonathan Briggs, Carol Hills, Chuck Kabat, John Gorham, Leigh Hafrey, Rich McGuinness, and Virginia LeClair, Environmental Coordinator

Approval of Minutes

The Sustainability Committee approved the meeting minutes of October 5, 2015 and November 2, 2015.

Re-cap of November 18th Climate Change Forum

The Committee thought the lineup of panelist was great and thanked Deb Harrison for organizing the venue and Leigh Hafrey for moderating. The speakers and topics were excellent, but the Committee had wished for better attendance.

J. Briggs mentioned that the students who did attend seemed to get a lot out of it. The Committee would like to hold another forum in the future and discussed how to attract more people to the event.

Re-cap of December 26th Styrofoam Collection Event

The Committee members who volunteered at the December recycling event thought that while there was a steady stream of people coming to recycle that it was not as well attended as the May and October events. C. Kabat thought that it may have been too close after Christmas for people to collect their recyclable items to bring out. They suggested focusing on the spring and fall events in lieu of a December event.

Goals 2016

The Committee discussed Goals for 2016.

- 1) Greening Providence Highway (Rt 1)
 - Increase tree canopy
 - Solar installations on big box stores
 - Zoning that would require more plantings in commercial areas
- 2) Climate Action Plan
 - Update the existing Climate Action Plan and Energy Plan
- 3) Education and Outreach
 - Carbon Footprint Challenge
- 4) Create an Environmental Checklist for developers

Old/New Business*

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