

**Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
January 5, 2015**

Attending: Jon Briggs, Deb Harrison, Mark MacLean, Carol Hills, Leigh Hafrey and Chuck Kabat, Virginia LeClair

Guests: John Gorham

Jon Briggs opened the meeting of January 5, 2015.

Approval of Minutes

Carol Hills made a motion to approve the minutes of November 3rd, Leigh Hafrey second. All in favor.

December 27th Recycling Event Review

Chuck Kabat commented that there were not as many people present as the last event. The spring and fall events had better attendance. Carol Hills said that they will now take bubble wrap. She would not suggest having another after Christmas event.

The Committee discussed future dates for the spring and fall event and suggested looking into competitive pricing for shredding. John Gorham mentioned that Doc Shredding was doing the electronics and also shreds paper. Virginia LeClair will look into it.

The Committee decided to remove the after Christmas recycling event.

Recycling Discussion

Jon Briggs discussed the recycling project that Mike Butler has proposed, which is to show repeat offenders what can be recycled. He would like the input of the Committee.

Virginia LeClair discussed the grant that she worked on and was awarded from DEP to remove foam from the schools and replace it with reusable trays and silverware, as well as increase recycling in the cafeterias and schools and add in composting.

Hosting of regional sustainability groups meeting – sharing of best practices, synergize efforts, etc.

The Committee discussed what would be the focus and goal of such a meeting. It was suggested that the meeting focus on schools and best practices surrounding recycling. Overall recycling was also mentioned as it relates to sharing a transfer station.

Goals for 2015

The Committee reviewed the goals that were currently set and added new goals. Leigh Hafrey mentioned adding sustainability goals for businesses and incentives to help them reach them. Carol Hills was frustrated that Starbucks and other businesses in Dedham do not recycle.

The Committee discussed ways to have recycling across the board for businesses in Dedham, such as hauler ordinances.

Old/New Business*

Adjourn

The next meeting will be held on February 2, 2015.

Chuck Kabat made a motion to adjourn. Deb Harrison second. All in favor.