

Meeting Notes

Dedham Sustainability Advisory Committee

Lower Conference Room, Dedham Town Hall

Monday, October 17, 2011 @ 7:00pm

Present: Jonathan Briggs (JB), Joanna Hamblin (JH), Carol Hills (CH), Deb Harrison (DH), Liz O'Donnell (LOD), Steve MacAusland (SM), Virginia LeClair (VL)

Guests: Elizabeth Martin

- **Social Marketing**

JH presented to the Committee best practices for communicating to the public via Facebook and Twitter through the Committee's Green Dedham Facebook page and Twitter account.

- **Logo and Marketing Discussion**

The Committee reviewed the logo designs that Kerry Hawkins submitted for the Committee's consideration. The Committee voted on the logo that showed the oak leaves since it represented the Avery Oak.

- **Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Updates**

VL updated the Committee on the MAPC grant and how Dedham was in the running to receive funding for our proposed pedestrian and bicycle improvement plan. The Town of Westwood submitted a similar proposal, which we could partner with to create regional connections.

CH was recently interviewed by the Boston Globe about sidewalks in Dedham. Access to our commercial areas, commuter rails and schools are difficult, if not impossible as a result of the lack of sidewalks. She emphasized the need for safe and accessible sidewalks.

- **Leaf Blower Ordinance**

JH will email the Committee a summary of her proposal and other communities programs that have adopted this ordinance.

- **Planet Dedham Articles**

J. Hamblin will write an article for the next Planet Dedham, featuring World Food Day, October 24th. The subsequent article will be written by LOD on anti-idling and air quality.

- **Mitigation Money**

VL announced that mitigation requests are due on Friday, October 28th. JB suggested that DSAC support the proposal for raised beds for gardening at 269 Common Street, the Dolan Center. He has received a proposal from Green City Growers and will get other quotes for the program. Green City

Growers would spend 2 hrs per week in Dedham and provide lessons to residents on gardening. The beds would be outfitted with drip irrigation. JB has asked for enough funding to sustain the program for one season in case they did not get enough people to sign up for the 8-10 week gardening class. He has also built into the program scholarship opportunities for those who can't afford to pay for the class. The only other community garden in town is found at the Endicott Estate, but there is a long wait list for a gardening plot and no structured educational program.

LOD made a motion to support this mitigation request. JH second. All in favor.

- **Environmental Coordinator Update**
VL updated the Committee on her mitigation request to create a Green Business program that would pilot in Dedham Square. LOD and JB suggested branching out to Oakdale Sq Alliance. VL said she would.
- **Community/Member Update**
JB made a motion to accept the minutes from September 12, 2011. DH second. All in favor.
- **Adjourn**
LOD made a motion to adjourn. JH second. All in favor.
Next meeting set for November 14, 2011.