

## Meeting Minutes

### Dedham Sustainability Advisory Committee

September 12, 2011

**Present:** Carol Hills, Jonathan Briggs, Steve MacAusland, Liz O'Donnell, Joanna Hamblin, Deb Harrison, Carmen Dellolacono

#### **Social Marketing**

This agenda item has been postponed until 7pm on 10/17.

#### **2011 Goals Update**

J. Briggs reviewed the goals and individual's responsibilities.

-C. Hills is responsible for transportation and expressed an interest in pedestrian and bike improvements. She has done some research already on Safe Routes to School and spoke to the coordinator of the program. She will work with the schools to get them to return the surveys. Liz O'Donnell said she would reach out to Greenlodge to see if they were doing the surveys, which tracks how many students are walking or biking to school. C. Dellolacono mentioned that the school administration is working on this for the new Avery School.

-D. Harrison will focus on education.

-S. MacAusland is researching alternative forms of energy, such as hydro power. He had reached out to the state about the Mother Brook condos. S. MacAusland is also working on a Greed Dedham TV segment.

-J. Hamblin is responsible for the Planet Dedham articles, with input from the Committee for article ideas. D. Harrison mentioned that October 24<sup>th</sup> is World Food Day and suggested a letter leading up to that day.

-L. O'Donnell will continue the anti-idling campaign started several years back. The Committee discussed getting the High School football team involved in a skit about air pollution.

#### **Bikes Belong Grant**

V. LeClair discussed with the Committee the Bikes Belong grant that is due this February. The Committee brainstormed several ideas for the grant including designation of a Rail Trail and how they would go about gaining support for this project. They also discussed creating better pedestrian and bicycle access on Rustcraft Rd, linking the Commuter Rail with the surrounding neighborhoods.

#### **Leaf Blower Ordinance**

J. Hamblin proposed that the Committee put forth a Leaf Blower Ordinance that would be similar to what the City of Cambridge implemented in 2008. She listed the detrimental health effects that leaf blowers have on the people using them and surrounding them. The City of Cambridge's Ordinance recognizes that the total ban of such equipment would have negative impacts on the City's ability to remove leaves, dust, dirt, and grass clippings from public spaces. Therefore, the ordinance puts a time and date restriction on the use of leaf blowers, as well as regulations on the number of leaf blowers per square foot. Jon Briggs said that there are 80 cities that have adopted similar ordinances. The Committee asked for more time to research it before making a decision, but thought this would compliment the anti-idling campaign.

#### **Planet Dedham Articles**

J. Hamblin and D. Harrison discussed focusing the next article on the upcoming World Food Day.

### **Environmental Coordinator Update**

V. LeClair asked the Committee if they would like to participate in the Moving Planet Rally at Christopher Columbus Park. The Committee was in favor. V. LeClair will write up a press release for the paper and post on Green Dedham's Facebook page. She also updated the Committee on her meeting with a teacher from the High School and their conversation around recycling needs and possible programs. D. Harrison mentioned that she will be partnering with the High School for World Food Day. They discussed showing a film on food at the Community Theater or St. Suzanna's.

### **Community/Member Update**

S. MacAusland discussed the shows taped so far for Dedham Green TV and asked for additional ideas and participation from the members. So far he has filmed the BioBlitz, interviewed J. Hamblin for Edible Dedham, and V. LeClair, the Town Administrator and Economic Development Director for Sustainable Dedham.

### **Logo/Marketing Discussion**

The Committee reviewed the logos that were submitted by Kerry Hawkins and Caroline Harrison. D. Harrison recued herself from this discussion since she is related to the one designer. The Committee ranked the various logos and ultimately decided upon a logo from Kerry Hawkins, but asked for modifications to be made. The Committee had voted at the last meeting to pay C. Harrison for her work. J. Briggs made a motion to accept Kerry Hawkin's logo design with modifications. L. O'Donnell second. All in favor.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of August 8<sup>th</sup> were approved. L. O'Donnell made a motion to approve the minutes of August 8<sup>th</sup>. J. Briggs Second. All in Favor. Meeting minutes approved.

C. Dellolacono made a motion to adjourn. S. MacAusland second. All in favor.