



Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting June 13, 2018

Present: Emily Walton, Deb Harrison, Chuck Kabat and Virginia LeClair, Environmental Coordinator

Guests: Theo Collins, CRWA, Amber Vaillancourt, Climate Fellow for the Environmental Department

D. Harrison moved to open the meeting. C. Kabat second. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve

Discussion with Charles River Watershed re: DropCountr Project

D. Harrison mentioned that Alexandra Ash from the CRWA had presented last year on this project, but it was fairly new. Theo Collins from the CRWA said that the primary reason for this meeting is to gain feedback on the app, what is working and what could be improved upon. The app was developed to create more awareness of customer's water usage so that consumers could help conserve water. They have partnered with the DWWD and NepRWA. In Phase I of the outreach they had 15 sign ups/week for a total of 750 people signed up over a year to year 1/2. Phase II was the evaluation where they conduct customer interviews of people who signed up.

D. Harrison asked if it correlated how much water and money you saved and if not the app should show you how much money you could save. C. Kabat said he could do a water usage story if the DWWD has statistics. Dedham is the pilot for this program on the E. Coast.

Discussion with Amber Vaillancourt, Climate Fellow for the Environmental Department

V. LeClair introduced Amber to the Committee, she will be interning for the Town for the summer working on the community greenhouse gas inventory and updating the municipal inventory. The timing of Amber's fellowship coincides well with the Town's MVP grant award. Amber will help to bring the Town up to speed for the MVP program consultant who will update the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan and start to create a Climate Action Plan. C. Kabat asked what we could expect in the plan? A. Vaillancourt replied that she will be following the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy plan and will set reduction targets.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant

V. LeClair that the Town received \$28,000 in funding for the MVP grant to help assess the Town's vulnerability and strengths and to identify priority actions to build resilience as the climate changes.

Goals Review

D. Harrison reviewed that the Committee at the last meeting requested to see targets and timelines so that the goals are more specific and we can hold ourselves accountable. Breaking the goals out into long and short term would help us keep on track while not losing sight of the long-term vision.

C. Kabat said he would like to see owners assigned to the goals and stakeholders

This will be reviewed at the July meeting.

Old/New Business

C. Kabat has volunteered to address recycling issues in square and at ball fields

E. Walton made a motion to adjourn. C. Kabat second. All in favor.