



Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting April 11, 2018

Present: Chuck Kabat, John Gorham, Emily Walton, Clarissa Robyn, Matt Simonson, Deb Harrison, Leigh Hafrey and Virginia LeClair, Environmental Coordinator

John Gorham asked for a motion to open the meeting of April 11, 2018. D. Harrison made the motion, E. Walton second motioned to open the meeting. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

E. Walton moved to accept the March 27th meeting minutes. C. Kabat second. All in favor.

Update on Olin, Wellesley, Babson Student Project

Students from Olin and Wellesley provided an update to the Committee on their work using an Air beam particle sensor to collect data at Common Street. They also conducted vehicle counts in this location and will do so at Whiting Avenue and Mont Vernon. They have found useful data from MassDOT and the MPO, but the search was exhaustive as there was different data in different forms. The Committee provided feedback on the best time to gather data at the various locations based on the school schedule. They will be presenting their full report at Olin College on May 3rd.

Recycle Day

The Committee continued to plan for Recycle Day. Matt, Clarissa, Emily and John will be present, as well as several volunteers from the schools.

Plastic Bag Ban

D. Harrison reported out on their meeting with Amy Haelsen, Executive Director for Dedham Square Circle on the subject of a Plastic Bag Ban. A. Haelsen was very receptive to the idea and did not think the ban would have a wide impact on the square businesses. The Committee will have a table at the Farmer's market with more information on this subject this summer.

Goals Review

V. LeClair will set up a Google Document with goals for the Committee to review. It will be a table format similar to the goals outlined in the Open Space Plan with action steps and who will implement, as well as broken down into short and long term goals.

J. Gorham will present this to the Selectmen for their approval. In this report they will outline goals that we have achieved and future goals.

C. Kabat suggested as a goal to maintain and improve on the annual recycle day event. D. Harrison suggested we get the metrics from these events and report out in a press release and track from year to year as a way to educate the community.

C. Kabat also mentioned a goal of increasing the likes or followers on Green Dedham Facebook page and sign up for an Instagram account for the Committee.

Old/New Business

D. Harrison asked about the Dropcountr app and if it was still being used by Committee members. The CRWA reached out and asked if they could make another presentation to the Committee regarding the program. The Committee agreed. Several members had good intentions to use it, but did not follow up as push notifications were not enabled, however they intend to actively use it over the next several months and report back.

The next meeting will be on May 9th.

D. Harrison made a motion to adjourn. C. Robyn second. All in favor.