

Energy and Environment Advisory Committee
January 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present: Jeffrey Goldknopf, Bill Turner, Don Sanders, Toni Weinstein
Excused: RoseAnne Kwaks, Dan Smith, Jon Kiper

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

Approval of minutes

Jeff Goldknopf made a motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2017

Bill Turner seconded the motion.

All voted in favor to accept the minutes.

Review of Clothing and Book receptacles presented by Don Sanders.

Don presented information from 3 companies: Better World Books, Big Hearted Books and Planet Aid. Included in the presentation were benefits of collecting books and/or clothing, a description of each of the companies, online reviews for each of the companies and items to consider.

Follow up needed:

Bill will get input from the library,

Toni will get input from the Newmarket Community Church/Thrift shop

Toni will discuss locations with Steve and Greg

Website

The Committee page is up on the Town site and now just needs info. Member list, agendas, minutes will all be posted. It would be helpful to also post resource links.

Follow up needed: Send links and other items to Toni and she will compile the info and send to Steve and Doug Poulin to populate the site.

School Board membership outreach

Toni emailed the Superintendent and the School Board chair. Concern is that there might be duplication of efforts.

Follow up needed: Toni will continue to discuss with the School Board Chair.

Durham outreach

Don Sanders and Toni met with the Durham Energy Committee chair, Charles Forcey. He spoke about some of their initiatives and offered future support as needed. Their committee also meets on the first Tuesday of the month. It could be beneficial to attend one of their future meetings.

Swap Shop

Jeff gave us an update on his contact with the Town Administrator. This would be a big undertaking and we would need to engage volunteers to create a committee and staff the shop. Follow up needed:

Jeff will check with other towns for feedback.

Toni will reach out to Amy Goldberg who attended our last meeting and has plans for a related project.

Car Charging Stations:

Bill had an article with info about Electrify America and funds that might be available in NH for charging stations. Contact info in the article for NH is Rebecca Ohler. Toni will reach out to her for info.

Composting:

Jeff had information from 3 other companies: Black Earth, Garbage to Garden and We Compost. We will need to get additional information from these companies as well as look closer at the current costs in Newmarket and how a composting program could impact.

Follow up needed:

Jeff will do a preliminary search for Community Grants.

Toni will email the survey questions to the group for review and changes.

Mission Statement

The Committee members present agreed that following was a good starting point:

It is the intention of the Selectmen in creating this Committee to provide a mechanism to assist the Board and Town Manager in developing programs and projects to foster energy conservation, energy efficiency, renewable energy generation and sustainability planning. This new committee will gather, study and evaluate information that will help determine various approaches for improving the energy efficiency of operating town and school buildings and vehicles, investigate alternatives energy technologies and identify funding opportunities to help the Town achieve its energy and sustainability related goals.

Follow up needed:

Send feedback to Toni.

Other

Minutes and/or filming. Toni will follow up with Steve on this.

Action Items:

Bill

- get input from the library on book drop off and if this will impact the library.

Toni

- get input from the Newmarket Community Church/Thrift shop re drop boxes and if they will have an impact
- discuss possible drop off locations with Steve and Greg
- continue to discuss E&E membership with the School Board Chair.
- reach out to Amy Goldberg who attended our last meeting and has plans for a related project.
- reach out to Rebecca Ohler for info on funding for car charging stations
- email the survey questions to the group for review and changes.
- follow up with Steve on minutes/filming.

Jeff

- check with other towns for feedback.
- preliminary search for Community Grants.

Everyone

- Send links and other items to Toni and she will compile the info and send to Steve and Doug Poulin to populate the site.
- Send Mission Statement feedback to Toni.

