

Energy & Environment Advisory Committee  
December 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Dan Smith, Don Sanders, Jeff Goldknopf, Bill Turner, Jon Kiper, Toni Weinstein

Excused: RoseAnn Kwaks

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of Minutes

Dan Smith made a motion to approve the November 6, 2017 meeting minutes. Jeff Goldknopf seconded the motion. All voted in favor to accept the minutes.

Composting:

Toni sent an email to Mr. Fox composting to request information, but hasn't heard back yet. There was significant discussion about composting including:  
We should get input from the community. Look into a survey monkey poll.  
Start composting programs in the school and Town (Senior Center?)  
Educating the community about the benefits of composting  
Develop survey to send to other communities.  
Issues with recycling - it is expensive and educating people continues to be important.  
Documentaries might be a good way to engage and inform.  
Important to engage the rental properties.

Solar:

The Town will be considering an agreement with EEI to do an energy audit. We will wait until that is completed to determine our needs and what is possible for the community.

Swap Shop at the Transfer Station:

Other communities have successful swap shops. Can we bring in a book & clothing drop-off?  
Would need to be staffed with volunteers.

Mission Statement:

We will discuss at the next meeting. Katharine Lockhardt presented the Town of Lee's Sustainability Committee mission statement as example.

Action items:

- Jon will email Mr. Fox for info
- Jeff will look into Portland company that composts for info
- Jeff will reach out to the Town Admin and DPW director about possibility of Swap shop in Newmarket.
- Toni will draft questions for town survey to be discussed at next meeting.
- Don & Toni will meet with Durham Energy Committee chair on 12/14.
- Toni will work on drafting a letter to Chinburg properties about an electric car charging station

