

Newmarket Energy & Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

4/2/19

Present: Don Sanders, Bill Turner, Toni Weinstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Peter Nelson spoke from the public. He has submitted an application to serve on the committee.

Composting program:

Alex Lacasse from Seacoast Online will be meeting with E&E committee members and Jon Kiper at the transfer station tomorrow to interview them about the program.

Town website composting graphic and info look great. Don has put up posters throughout town.

The committee would like to continue to support the program and Toni will reach out to DPW Director Rick Malasky to see if there is anything we can do.

Bill will send email to the person they met with in Eliot to let him know.

Aubuchon- Stopped selling compostable bags. Don let them know this program has started.

SB/TC Joint meeting:

Don has slides reworked for the school info and will convert them to Google slides so we can all contribute.

Solar:

Discussed options for solar arrays in Newmarket.

Three phase power to Wilson property other than about 700-800 ft.

EV Charging Stations:

List of sites in town where EV stations would be desirable.

This info could be added to the Master Plan.

Don had checklist for installing EV stations from Durham and will forward it to the committee.

Strafford Regional Planning Committee has publicly accessible GIS resources. and Peter will check to see if EV stations are included.

EV stations are an Economic Development issue and Town Council rep could ask the Newmarket Business Association for input and/or help.

Glyosphate:

Steam is an option:

Hard to compare to Portsmouth or Dover - Newmarket isn't dealing with the same pedestrian traffic.

Cost of steam machine is 11-24K, needs to be treated about 3-4 weeks - Person doesn't need to be licensed, can be used by seasonal employees.

80% of glyphosate sprayed on asphalt migrates according to some info provided.

Does Municipal pest management offer steam as an option

Dover is purchasing one—opportunity to partner?

Can also be used for graffiti and sanitation

Are there any private contractors who use the steam machines?

Once we get more questions answered, we can start working on a cost analysis.

Questions for Rick and Mike from Municipal Pest Management will attend the meeting in May.

Questions for them include: Do we currently restrict access while spraying and how do we provide notice to residents? How many gallons of roundup get used? Does the WWTP need to test for glyphosate?

Would steam have any detrimental affect on the sidewalks?

Membership Outreach:

We still have 3 positions to fill and have reached out to a few individuals.

Minutes submitted by Toni Weinstein