

Environment & Energy Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 17, 2019, 6:00pm
Room 208

Attendees:

1. Doria Brown- Worthen Industries Sustainability Coordinator, Chairwoman
2. Kerry Converse – Environmental Engineer DPW, Vice-Chair
3. Deb Chisholm- Waterways Manager
4. Jim Pyle- Resident Member
5. Gary Lambert- Resident Member
6. Shoshanna Kelly- Alderwoman-at-Large
7. Jan Schmidt- Alderman
8. Cecilia Ulibarri- Mayor’s liaison to EEC
9. Sarah Marchant- Director of Community Development

Members of the public in attendance:
None

Doria called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Items Discussed:

1. Adoption of 12/20/18 meeting minutes

Gary moved to approve the minutes of 12/20/18. Kerry seconded. All in favor

2. Seed grant – from recycle to rain barrels update (Doria Brown)

Sarah mentioned the grant has expired.

Doria suggested reapplying for the grant to purchase and distribute rain barrels and compost bins. These are tangible ways people can be involved in a recycling process. Doria will write up a paragraph for the grant and send it to Sarah.

3. EE Committee Priorities adoption status and group discussion (Ald. Kelly)

Sarah mentioned Alderwoman Kelly is putting forward legislation on the EEC goals. The Mayor has asked what data is going to be used as the baseline of the goals. What data are we starting from so we have a benchmark? That is being figured out and there should be an update next month.

Doria said to use the baseline with the most data available. Sarah explained the studies we have so far include varied data points and the newest ones show progress already. The Mayor wants to make sure the goals are set high enough since progress is already being made.

4. 2019 State Legislation (Deb)

Deb made the committee aware of current legislation topics.

The Mayor put out a list of items that are likely to go through the state legislature this year. There are about 800 items that Deb narrowed down to about 50 that would be of interest to this committee.

Discussion:

Reduce is primary in the phrase: reduce reuse recycle.

Deb highlighted a net metering bill which is being heard next week.

Jan explained how individuals can watch and/or participate in the hearing. Also, the committee could put a letter together in support of the bill.

Alderwoman Kelly moved the committee write a letter in support of bill HB365. Deb seconded. All in favor

5. Branding the EE Committee and showcasing Nashua’s green successes (Doria)

Doria mentioned branding is needed to help the public associate the committee with specific priorities and actions. Brainstorm/ discussion:

- Earth day
- Public works day
- Mines falls trails day- “Plogging” (pick up trash and jog)
- Downtown clean-up day (Paul Shea)
- Follow-up clean-up at Sandy Pond
- Partner with Grow Nashua / Gate City community gardens
- Communicate with local businesses on how to ‘reduce’
- REDUCE campaign
- Free-cycle
- Inform public with ‘did you know?’ topics on our sites
- Be a leader for commuter rail

Gary moved the committee adopt the motto “Year of Reduce” for purposes of branding. Kerry seconded. All in favor.

6. Other business

- The committee joined Clean energy NH (where Madeleine became Director). They are a resource. Deb has asked for some assistance regarding solar.
- Electric vehicle charger at Elm St garage goes off at 6pm. Could it stay on longer? Sarah explained the reasoning is because it works during the timeframe the garage charges for parking. Jim will look into getting that changed.

7. Review of open Next Steps

Next Steps:

<i>No.</i>	<i>Next Step/Question</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>By When</i>	<i>Comments</i>
	Write paragraph for new grant for rain barrels and compost bins	Doria	Feb meeting	
	Write support letter for HB365. Email by Tuesday morning	Deb	Friday 1-18/ Tuesday 1-22	
	Find out April date for 1 st trail day at mines falls	Cecilia		Post/ advertise
	Brainstorm REDUCE campaign	All	Feb meeting	
	Discussion-EV charging hours	All	Feb meeting	
	Discuss paper reduction at city hall	Justin- schedule Dan for Jan meet	February agenda item	
	Update EEC website to add Jim and Deb	Deb	February	
	Write info about public	Doria		

	renewable-sourced utilities Post to website	Sarah		
	EEC should have a presence at Public Works Day		April 2019	
	Review EEC goals		Jan meeting	
	Review of resilience plan/ climate adaptation recommendations	Justin/ Doria/ Sarah	January meeting agenda item	
	Discuss with Mayor to help add resources to find a new business member seat	Doria		
	Populate portfolio manager and enter greenhouse gas		monthly	
	Follow-up w/ Shawn re: ESCO experience		2019	

Next Meeting Date and time: February 21, 2019 6pm-8pm Room 208

Gary moved to adjourn at 7:16pm. Jim seconded. All in favor

Submitted by
Jessica Marchant