

Environment & Energy Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2019, 6:00pm

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. Sylvie Stewart- Resident Member
8. Justin Kates- Director of Emergency Management

Members of the public in attendance:

Bob Hayden, Standard Power

Nashua North students: Colin and Brendan McMahan

Jon Gundersen, Drive Electric NH, Nashua resident

Doria called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Items Discussed:

1. Adoption of 2/21/19 meeting minutes

Deb moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Justin seconded. All in favor

2. EV Charging – Electrify Nashua update

Presentation was given by Colin and Brendan McMahan about how to best integrate electric cars and charging stations into Nashua.

3. REDUCE Campaign – Create focus group subcommittees and develop projects

- Composting
- Electric Vehicles
- Paper reduction at City Hall
- Single-use plastic reduction
- Emissions, renewables

Single-use plastic ban is going through NH legislature right now. This committee may not have much authority in Nashua, depending on what happens at the state level, but we can still focus on it for education and awareness purposes.

Doria suggested committee members select a goal they are interested in, form a subcommittee and take the topic in the direction they want. Bring ideas back to the group.

Paper reduction: Deb will lead, Justin will assist

Composting: Shoshanna will lead, Gary will assist

EV stations: Kerry will lead, Colin, Brendan, Jim and Bob will assist

Single use plastic bags: Doria will lead, Sylvie will assist

Justin moved to create five subcommittees as listed. Shoshanna seconded. All in favor

4. Earth Day

Shoshanna would like to have something interesting to announce at the gathering.

- Announce the goals just adopted.
- Raffle a compost bin at Earth Day
- Possibly mention intentions to reduce paper usage in City Hall

Shoshanna is meeting with the Mayor tomorrow. Let her know if interested in assisting.

Discussion occurred regarding EV, electricity costs and solar.

5. Other business

Jon Gundersen is a member of drive electric NH and gave an update on upcoming events: At Nashua Library on April 27th they are having a presentation, “are electric cars are for you?” with information and education. There will be electric cars and their owners on site for show and tell, and giving rides.

Electric car rally from the top of Mt Washington to Nashua will occur in the fall. Perhaps the committee can be involved in the event that occurs in Nashua at the end of the ride.

Justin mentioned an event April 2nd – a Nashua Roundtable at White birch brewing

Clean energy NH is putting on NH energy breakfast Thursday March 28th at the Grappone Center

Plog the Park April 20th at Mines Falls

April 13th downtown pick up

Doria suggested we advertise these events on our dashboard page/ community development Facebook page.

6. Review of Next Steps

<i>No.</i>	<i>Next Step/Question</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>By When</i>	<i>Comments</i>
	trail dates at mines falls. Collaborate for an event		April 21 May 19 June 23 Aug 18 Sept 22 Oct 20 Nov 5	Post/ advertise
	Write paper reduction policy			Get suggestions from Dan
	Add 2 student seats to the committee	Deb- in progress		
	Add Bob to committee	Deb- in process		
	Discuss budget for 2020 Solarize campaign			

	Write info about public renewable-sourced utilities Post to website	Doria Sarah		
	EEC should have a presence at Public Works Day		April 2019	
	Populate portfolio manager and enter greenhouse gas		monthly	Energy manager position will take this over if position is filled. Also a summer intern can do in meantime

Next Meeting Date and time: April 18, 2019 6pm-8pm

Gary moved to adjourn at 7:28pm. Justin seconded. All in favor

Submitted by Jessica Marchant