

Environment & Energy Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 2019, 6:00pm

Attendees:

1. Kerry Converse – Environmental Engineer DPW, Vice-Chair
2. Deb Chisholm- Waterways Manager
3. Jim Pyle- Resident Member
4. Arden Cala- Resident Member
5. Sylvie Stewart- Resident Member
6. Justin Kates- Director of Emergency Management

Members of the public in attendance:

Nashua North students: Colin and Brendan McMahon

Kerry called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

Items Discussed:

1. Adoption of 3/21/19 meeting minutes

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

2. Subcommittee Updates

- a. Composting- Shoshanna and Gary were not present to update

Kerry mentioned the Garden Club and DPW are doing their annual sale of compost bins, rain barrels, scrap pails and compost turners.

- b. Electric Vehicles

Kerry, Colin and Brendan are on the committee. Kerry has done some research.

Colin and Brendan have spoken to the Souhegan Rotary club and have quartered off the city into areas and have highlighted dining, entertainment, lodging etc. in each area.

The committee discussed adding a layer to the City GIS for charging stations.

- c. Paper Reduction

Deb and Justin stated the plan is to develop a campaign of public outreach towards paper reduction.

They will put together some statistics to share via the city-wide email system. They will also explore and develop some training/options for people to use to cut down printing.

Deb wants to work on making the payroll paper check an opt-in rather than opt-out system, but that won't happen until after focusing on paper reduction.

- d. Single-use Plastic Reduction

Sylvie reported she researched grocery stores in Nashua and Hannaford and Market Basket talked about their recycling, but not bags. Whole Foods has many programs in place. She described the 'Give me 5' program which relates to recycling the level 5 plastics. They also don't supply plastic bags for produce anymore.

Aldi's doesn't use bags, but she didn't speak with them or Shaws.

Arden wondered what the overall goal is.

Sylvie noted if they can find particular businesses that are mindful of these issues and are taking steps, the Mayor could highlight them for their achievements.

Doria found a company called Loop. They send reusable containers with your product and you send the container back for refill/ recycling.

e. Emissions and renewables

Arden said she is waiting to hear back regarding the budget. Deb said the Community Development Department budget came in under budget and there was \$5000 itemized for the EEC. Arden also wondered how she would have access to the money to eventually spend it.

3. Destination Electric

Deb had sent some information around. The marketing company that is spearheading the 7-state initiative put together a list of businesses near charging stations. The approach was to find ‘hip’ businesses that are on social media. This would attract a certain demographic who might buy electric vehicles.

4. Rain Barrel/compost bins

Already discussed

5. Earth Day

The Mayor is reading a proclamation tomorrow at 11am and the EEC will be mentioned. Perhaps some volunteers can be recruited.

6. Other Business

Arden, Jim, Deb and Doria helped pick up trash last weekend near the library.

7. Review of 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	DONE??
	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 campaign	Deb		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/ Park, Rec		June 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

Deb will touch base with Sally to combine efforts to be at the same table/ tent for the June event. Kerry said he will be there.

At the May meeting, further discuss the details of what the committee should promote at the event. Sylvie suggested having sign-ups for future volunteers and letting people know about the committee and that the meetings are open to the public.

The committee suggested having tee shirts that can be worn at all types of events. Perhaps the staff member who created the solarize logo can help create another one. Also need to look at who the City uses for City logo clothing.

A new logo will be needed for the next campaign. The committee members will think about some options for renaming the program.

8. Upcoming Events

- a. April 19 – Mayor’s Earth Day Proclamation – 11 am. City Hall Plaza
- b. April 20 – Plog the Park – 9am – 12pm. Gatehouse (near boat launch and Stellos Stadium)
- c. April 20 – Cleanup in the Canal – 1pm. Mill Pond boat launch near Conway Arena
- d. April 22 – Earth Day
- e. April 27 – Mine Falls Park Cleanup – 8:45am. Lincoln Park entrance
- f. April 27 – Drive Electric NH 11am-2pm Nashua Public Library
- g. Sept 14 – 22 – National Drive Electric Week (NH events are in the works)

Next Meeting Date and time: May 16, 2019 6pm-8pm

Justin moved to adjourn at 7:14pm. Deb seconded. All in favor

Submitted by Jessica Marchant