

Environment & Energy Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 20, 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. Doria Brown- Worthen Industries Sustainability Coordinator, Chairwoman
6. Bob Hayden, Standard Power

Members of the public in attendance:

Nashua North students: Colin and Brendan McMahon

Doria called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Items Discussed:

1. Adoption of 4/18/19 and 5/16/19 meeting minutes

Kerry moved to accept the minutes of 4/18/19 as submitted. Deb seconded. All in favor

Arden moved to accept the minutes of 5/16/19 as submitted. Kerry seconded. All in favor.

2. Subcommittee Updates

a. Composting- Shoshanna and Gary were not present to give a report.

Doria noted Justin Monroe from Grow Nashua came to Worthen to begin a composting program. He dropped off buckets and will collect them monthly for \$30/month. She would like to have him attend the next meeting to present information.

b. Electric Vehicles

Kerry, Colin and Brendan are on the committee. Colin and Brendan did a survey at Public Works day and received about 50 responses. The results show most folks don't have much education about electric vehicles but were receptive to purchasing one if there were more charging stations.

They've also had discussions with a couple of people in the business.

Discussion ensued regarding where to put a charging station in Nashua and what social media to utilize to poll the public.

Parking Director Jill Standsfield is ordering another charging station and it should go into the Elm St garage in July.

c. Paper Reduction

Deb and Justin did not have anything new to report yet.

d. Single-use Plastic Reduction

Sylvie and Doria wanted to highlight businesses in Nashua who are doing their part. Doria recommended Starbucks due to their reusable cup program. Arden mentioned 7/11 has a similar program. Doria might research more and highlight a group of coffee/tea businesses who give discounts for bringing your own cup. It was also mentioned the group should promote always bringing your own cup to any establishment.

e. Emissions and renewables

Arden noted she has a new job and will not be able to run the 2020 Solarize program. She will still be on the committee and can assist and advise. Doria will lead the campaign with Arden and Bob assisting.

3. Alderwoman Kelly updates

Alderwoman Kelly was not present.

4. DPW Day – update

Doria, Kerry, Deb, Jim, Colin and Brendan were there.

Observations: needed some giveaways and a sign to make the booth more cohesive.

Ideas: more giveaways, have an electric car on display, kiddie pool with blown insulation, have a solarize plus table at next year’s event.

5. Other Business

Jessica will not be able to take minutes for the committee anymore. Due to a new job, she can’t commit to being at the meetings.

Deb noted that the committee can decide if they want to skip the July or August meeting. The committee will wait until the agenda comes out next month and only cancel if too many people won’t be able to attend.

There is a renewable energy meeting tomorrow in Concord. Deb and Bob will be attending.

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		Aug 18 Sept 22 Oct 20 Nov 5	Post/ advertise
	Write paper reduction campaign	Deb		Get suggestions from Dan
	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

7. Upcoming Events

- a. June 15 - Mine Falls Park Cleanup – 8:45am. Lincoln Park entrance
- b. June 15 – Canal Cleanup – 10:00am. 175 Pine St. Extension
- c. June 21 - 10-3pm - 2nd NH 100% Renewable Energy Municipal Gathering-Concord, NH
- d. August 24 – Canal Cleanup – 10:00am. 175 Pine St. Extension
- e. September 21 – Mine Falls Park Cleanup – 8:45 am. Lincoln Park entrance
- f. September 21 – Canal Cleanup – 10:00am. 175 Pine St. Extension
- g. Sept 14 – 22 – National Drive Electric Week (NH events are in the works)

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

Arden moved to adjourn at 7:06pm. Bob seconded. All in favor

Submitted by Jessica Marchant