



Sustainability Commission

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"Sustainability is the commitment to adopt practices that support and balance the social, economic and environmental aspects of our community, now and into the future."

Groton Sustainability Commission, Winter 2010

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 22, 2012

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Nashua River Watershed Association

Attendees:

Commissioners: Mike Roberts, Lisa Wiesner, Carl Canner, Carl Flowers, Leo Laverdure

Liaisons: none

Guests: Becky Barth

Commissioners absent: Chris Christie

Minutes taken by: Leo Laverdure

Agenda:

1. The Sustainability Commission and the Groton Master Plan
2. 2012 Sustainability Commission Work Plan
3. Adjourn

Agenda Item #1: The Sustainability Commission and the Groton Master Plan

Discussion:

- In feedback to the Planning Board on the Master Plan, some Groton residents have expressed a problem with the word "sustainability"

Action Item:

- Mike to talk to Michelle Collette re Sustainability Commission support for the approval of the Master Plan at Town meeting

Agenda Item #2: Preparation of a Sustainability plan for the Town

Discussion:

- This should be coordinated with the Master Plan
- Goes beyond the Master Plan

Action Item:

New Items:

1. Leo to invite someone from the Sustainable Andover group to present how they are engaging Andover High School students in the town's plan to reduce its electricity consumption by 20% — a commitment accompanying Andover's designation as a "green" community.
2. Leo mentioned that Groton Local was undertaking a continuous litter cleanup effort as part of its Earth Day program. The Earth Day event will be held at Williams Barn, Sunday, 22-Apr, 1-5 pm.

3. Short-term Sustainability Commission projects
 - The Commission would like to have a booth at the upcoming River Festival
 - Ideas for projects to Lisa and Mike
4. The USDA will be sponsoring a 4-Apr Agricultural Commission workshop on promotion of Agriculture for Middlesex Co. Venue: NRWA
5. Mike to change future meetings to 1st or 4th Tuesday of the month

Adjourn.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 24, 2012