

Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2022

I. Call to order

Alison Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

Attendees were as follows:

Alison Dolbear Peterson (Chairperson)

Katrina Posner (Clerk)

Deborah Wakrat Schwartz

Phil Francisco (Vice Chair)

Ginger Vollmar

Jim Simko

Bruce Easom

II. Open issues

- a) Minutes from the January 25, 2022 meeting were approved with suggested changes.
- b) Alison requested that Phil Francisco become Vice Chair. All committee members voted aye except for Phil who abstained. Motion carried – Phil is now the Vice Chair.
- c) It was noted that Ginger will be attending the Climate Change Collaborative meeting to be held on 2/16/2022. She will report back to us at our next meeting.
- d) Reviewed the Introductory Note from the commission to the public that is being worked on by Ginger. There were a number of suggestions made and she will take them under consideration.
- e) Alison let us know that there are now several working groups.
 - (i) Climate Change Collaborative (Phil, Ginger)
 - (ii) Solar Power (Bruce, Phil, Jim)
 - (iii) Pollinator Habitat (Alison)
 - (iv) Green Future Act (Alison)
 - (v) Alternative Mosquito Management Plan (added to list by Phil) (Phil, Deborah and Bruce will work together)
- f) Discussion was held on the Alternative Mosquito Management Plan. Phil stated that the deadline for towns to file a municipal request for a waiver of spraying is May 28th. The request needs to be authorized by the Select Board with concurrence from the Board of

Health and other town organizations. There also, needs to be an open period for public comment before the Select Board vote to make the request.

- g) The NRWA (Nashoba River Watershed Association) is going to have a five-speaker series. Alison volunteered to attend and will report back.
- h) Phil reported that he has tried to contact Sheila Harrington (representative), concerning the Green Futures Act. He has not heard back yet.
- i) Alison will look into the Municipal Vulnerability Plan to see if there are any untapped funds to provide assistance for our town.
- j) Ginger reported that she reached out to the Groton schools about their food waste. So far, she has not heard back from the contact she received. Phil mentioned that she should go ahead and check with other schools in the area.
- k) Bruce Easom reported that the Country Club does not have enough information yet to report on how the electric golf carts are working out. Bruce volunteered to look into green community grants that could be used to subsidize charging stations.

III. New Issues

- a) No new issues.

The next meeting will be held on March 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Katrina Posner

Minutes approved by: