

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from July 19, 2017

Attendees: Cindy Unangst, Mark Carney, Ann Payne, Andrea Kaleta, Joyce Tuten, Agnesanne Danehey, Jamie Moore, Rick Dietrick, Keith Stanley, Sean O'Keefe, and Jenn Bird Harris from County Sustainability Committee

1. Meeting minutes – minutes from June were approved.
2. Green Expo
 - a. Date for next year: April 21, 2018 (e-End doesn't plan dates until January, will need to contact them at that time); All Shred is available on 4/21/18
 - b. Vendors/organizations/booths: it was agreed that no fees will be charged for next year
 - c. Green awards: self-nominate or nominate neighbor; will need categories, prizes, add to FB and town webpage (Ann and Andrea)
3. Paint Exchange: Andrea suggested the town organize a paint exchange, which would be a creative and fun way to reduce waste, may involve local scout troop to help. Will need plan for disposal of paint that is left-over after the exchange.
4. Hazardous waste turn-in: suggestion that Green Team help publicize the county's hazardous waste turn-in program, which occurs in the spring and fall. Organizing a town hazardous waste turn-in was felt to be too cumbersome at this time.
5. Pollinator resolution: Ann read a new draft of a pollinator protection resolution, which has broadened in scope from original beekeeping ordinance idea. This resolution will acknowledge the importance of pollinators, recognize the town's already good practices, and encourage further actions to support pollinators and educate the general public. IPM was mentioned, and will need to be defined more clearly in the document. Mowing practices were also discussed - will need to check with Drew (Town Administrator) to see if some suggestions will be feasible to add to landscape contracts for next year. Will continue to refine prior to presenting to the Town Board.
6. Town talks: Cindy shared how this year's 250th anniversary town talks have been very successful and have engaged a broad cross section of town residents. Idea to continue monthly talks next year, maybe declare next year "Sustainability Year" and have speakers at various locations highlighting important environmental issues with workshops and tours. Will need speakers/topics.
7. Main Street planters: would having fewer planters with trees be feasible (Ocean City model)? Keith voiced concerns about how would they be cared for/protected over the winter, others were concerned over small space available on sidewalk. It was recommended to favor native plants in planters.
8. MEA Energy policies and resolutions: \$25K yearly grant to create energy conservation projects. Will need to approve two policies by November 15 (decrease electricity consumption by 15% over 5 year period and generate 20% of energy from renewable resources). Town has

already taken some energy saving actions, future ideas include solar panels on roof and motion sensing light switches. Further action plans with projected costs needed.

9. Streambank Restoration Project(s): no new developments at this time

10. An Inconvenient Sequel: Joyce shared some of her experience from Al Gore's Climate Reality Leadership Corp training in Seattle. She is working on committing 10 "leadership acts." One act may be to help publicize the release of An Inconvenient Sequel documentary (coming out in major theaters on August 3).

11. Bike racks in parks: one design costs \$725 per rack. Would a local artist be able to provide bike racks at lesser cost? Will need to come up with safe bike routes to get around town, avoiding areas with heavy vehicular traffic.

12. Jim Roessler plan for educational program along trails—no new developments at this time. Idea to create signs identifying tree species around town.

13. Recycling notification bill: new state requirement - prior to issuing permit for special event. Municipality is required to provide written statement to special event organizers about recycling during the event and penalties for violation. How will this be enforced? Where will the event organizers bring the recyclables and will they need to be sorted?

14. Heritage Festival table? event occurs September 30, will need to create a sign-up list.

15. Next meeting date: Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm