

## Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from October 18, 2017

Attendees: Cindy Unangst, Ann Payne, Jamie Moore, Keith Staley, Sean O’Keeffe, Agnesanne Dannehey, Joyce Tuten, and Tina Read

1. Meeting minutes – minutes from September were approved.
2. Green Expo
  - a. Date for next year: April 21, 2018, Cindy will verify date with E-end and AllShred
  - b. Green awards categories: a printed announcement with nomination form and links to FB and town webpage will go out with January water bill, will also include calendar of Green Events for 2018. Cindy reported one nomination has already been received. We will need to obtain prizes (possibilities include donations from local businesses, sign for yard announcing award)
3. Scout projects: Tina Read (Girl Scout Junior troop #81478/5<sup>th</sup> grade) attended meeting and is interested in a sustainability project for the troop to earn a Bronze Award. Another Girl Scout leader contacted Cindy about helping with stenciling storm drains and Boy Scout troop was interested in helping with clean up after parade. Other projects which may be good for scout participation include Trail Tree ID project and Bat Box project.
4. 2018 Year of Sustainability – Proposed topics have been matched to month, will need to set specific dates/times and secure speakers and venues by mid-December in order to make flyer for January water bill announcing events. Committee members were assigned to contact potential speakers. Ann and Jamie met with Waneta Gagne, librarian from Middletown library in charge of adult programming, and she is very interested in helping publicize and co-hosting some of the events.
5. Pollinator resolution –Plan to present to Town Board on November 2 and 13 (meeting starts at 7 pm) (Ann).
6. Pollinator Meadow – Next class is on October 30 (seed sowing). Sixteen people attended the previous class on wild seed collecting (Ann).
7. 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. Will also need baseline data, may be able to use UMD graduate students to help (Cindy).
8. Bike racks in parks: No new developments (Ann and Cindy)
9. Tree canopy data was requested from the county, no new developments
10. Recycling notification bill: Fact Sheet was approved by the town board
11. Jim Roessler and Gary Madonna plan for identifying and labelling trees along Cone Branch and Wiles Branch, considering the best way to mark trees (plan to mark approximately 12 to 15 trees)

12. Bat houses donated for placement along Cone Branch trail, Cindy has contacted FCSP to request permission to use a tree on their property, another location involves a privately owned tree.

13. Sustainable Maryland leadership training seminar "Building Resilient Communities" will occur on November 16 in Hagerstown. Cindy will attend and present highlights at the December meeting.

14. Next meeting date: Wednesday, November 15, 2017