

## Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from September 20, 2017

Attendees: Cindy Unangst, Mark Carney, Ann Payne, Jamie Moore, Rick Deitrick, Keith Staley

1. Meeting minutes – minutes from August will be sent out via email for review.
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 categories—Ann created a googledoc for brainstorming ideas: 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
3. Pollinator resolution –Plan to present to Town Board on October 5 (meeting starts at 7 pm)  
(Ann).
4. Pollinator Meadow – will do additional work on meadow at Wiles Branch on September 22 at noon (after meadow making class) with Dr. Tangren (Ann and Cindy).
5. 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).
6. Streambank Restoration Project(s): no new developments at this time (Mark C)
7. Bike racks in parks: No new developments (Ann and Cindy)
8. Tree canopy data was requested from the county
9. Recycling notification bill: new state requirement – goes into effect in October, involves special events held in public spaces, does not include town sponsored events. Cindy will present Fact Sheet to Town Board at October 5 meeting.

10. Jim Roessler and Gary Madonna plan for identifying and labelling trees along Cone Branch and Wiles Branch, meeting scheduled next Thursday morning

11. 2018 Year of Sustainability – Proposed topics were matched to month, Cindy will email committee members a copy. Ann and Jamie will contact Middletown branch of library to see if they would like to co-host talks by authors Nancy Lawson and Michael Judd. January water bill will include a flyer announcing the monthly workshops. Possible Green Team presence at Farmer’s Market once a month?

12. Heritage Festival table - event occurs September 30, volunteer sign-up sheet reviewed

13. Bat houses donated for placement along Cone Branch trail. Will need further research into how to properly install them.

14. Next meeting date: Wednesday, October 18, 2017