

APPROVED

Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting, January 18, 2023

Attending - Members: Yolanda Baumgartner, Rob Houseman, Peter Kulbacki, Susan Edwards, Dennis Robison, Barbara Callaway, Marcus Welker, Stowe Bean, Chris Kennedy, Judi Colla. Guests: Sarah Kelly, Judy Reeve, Lynn Sheldon

1. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of December 21, 2022 were distributed. Any corrections or additions should be sent to Dennis Robison or Yolanda Baumgartner. After three days they will be posted as approved.

2. Announcements:

- Styrofoam Collection will be on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 10:00 am at Hanover's Department of Public Works (snow date Sunday, February 12). Donations will be welcome at the site to help off-set the cost of renting a truck (estimated to be \$300-500).

3. Hanover Community Power (HCP) and Community Power Consortium of NH (CPCNH)

Launch: Judi Colla, Yolanda Baumgartner, Peter Kulbacki.

- The Hanover Community Power PR Committee (HCP-PR) is scheduled to meet at 1:30 pm every Tuesday until the launch has been made on or about May 1. In collaboration with CPCNH, communication strategies are being developed to get the word out. Lebanon is revising a video which can include Hanover scenes that can be used. An op-ed is being created for the *Valley News* which will be signed by Upper Valley members – Enfield, Plainfield, Hanover and Lebanon.
- The Hanover Electric Aggregation Committee (HEAC) will be convened when it is necessary to act on rate recommendations, authority granted by the Selectboard. The residents will receive a letter informing them of the change and notifying them they will need to opt-out if they do not wish to have their electricity provided by the HCP. An information meeting will need to be held within 15 days of the mailing of the letter. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) are being compiled in preparation for the meeting.

4. School District Warrant Articles: Judi Colla, Yolanda Baumgartner

- From the beginning of the Ready-for-100 campaign, efforts have been made to encourage the school boards to be more proactive in energy conservation. To this end, School District Warrant Articles have been prepared and are being submitted to all three schools. Baumgartner and Colla will be meeting with the Boards today in an effort to get a commitment. The warrant pertaining to Norwich will miss the deadline.

5. Conservation Commission Collaboration (CCC)

- The CCC is interested in collaboration with Sustainable Hanover when areas of interest overlap such as carbon sequestration through forest management, including Town properties, and the use of building materials through zoning and building codes. The Chair of the CCC will be invited to come to the next SHC meeting.

6. Updates/Reports

- Recycling: Lynn Sheldon

Textile Recycling: Progress is being made regarding the location of bins for the textile recycling. There will be one at the Department of Public Works and another at 45 Lyme Road Other sites are to be determined. The start date for the program will be announced once there is agreement between the Town and the vendor regarding issues of risk and other technicalities.

There is interest by the Recycling Committee about a tour of Casella recycling facilities in Rutland sometime in the Spring. Marcus Welker shared his recent research experience with Dartmouth

students and Casella's single source recycling. He indicated the site at White River Junction might be a better place to visit. There followed a discussion expressing considerable concern about the effectiveness of single source recycling and contamination, markets for recycled materials, etc.

- Newsletter: Dennis Robison

The Winter, 2023 issue will be issued soon so articles should be submitted as soon as possible. Tentatively scheduled will be an update on EVs (Ben Steele), Transactive Energy (Dennis Robison), CPCNH and Hanover Power Cooperative (Judi Colla); School Warrant (Yolanda Baumgartner). Other contributions will be welcomed.

- Sustainable Landscaping: Judy Reeve.

Work is continuing with Stowe Bean to create an entry on the SHC website.

- Community Climate Connections (3Cs) Barb Callaway

They are working on launch of CPCNH issues and developing themes for future "WhoKnew" topics.

- Sustainable Master Plan Rob Houseman, Chris Kennedy, Yolanda Baumgartner;

Work is proceeding on goals and strategies. Two of the eight goals have been updated – Preserving Community Character and Expanding Housing – and are ready for public comment.

Next meeting, Wed, Feb 15 – Stowe Beam will chair this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Robison