Minutes  
Sustainable Hanover  
December 18, 2019

Attending:  Judi Colla, Yolanda Baumgartner, Peter Kulbacki, Rob Houseman, Dennis Robison, Barbara Callaway, Emily Rogers, Chris Kennedy, Susan Edwards, Marcus Welker, Stowe Beam, Mary Ann Cadwallader, Julia Griffin, Kate Salamido, Emily Rogers.

Save the Date and Announcements:

**Weatherize:** Barbara Callaway – There have been 26 signed up to date. There was an introductory meeting and open house at Robin Kaiser’s with low attendance numbers due to the season. An information table was set up on December 16 at the COOP. There will be a repeat after the first of the year. Barb heard back from one Upper Valley church from outreach to the faith community. Letters to the Editor were published by the Valley News. There will be a meeting with contractors on January 15, 2020.

**Public Panel on Climate Change Challenges:** Rosi Kerr, Michael Hillinger, Judi, Susan Kaplan and Yolanda are planning a community presentation to address energy planning for colleges & universities in northern climates. Proposed speakers include Rosi Kerr, John Sterman (MIT Professor) a representative from Carlton College’s Utility Master Plan or MEP Associates. This is scheduled at the Richmond Middle School on January 23, 7-8:30pm. A point was made about the possibility of a telecast from the Carleton College representative rather than flying him/her here from Minnesota.

**SHC Annual Energy Forum,** April 29 Richmond Middle School. Planning is underway. Planning group includes Yolanda, Judi, Marjorie, Stowe, Barb, Robin, David and April. Next meeting - Jan 9 at 1 pm at Howe Library.

**Branding:** Judi Colla gave a slide presentation on status of the Sustainable Hanover logo.

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There is the standard “H” following subtitles depending on the event/topic e.g. weatherize, yard sale, etc. It was noted that “Community” encompasses justice issues. Work to finish the logo and develop a style book could be done by a professional visual artist such as Doug Harp who has worked successfully on other town and SHC projects (https://www.harpandcompany.com/douglas-g-harp).

**Follow-up:** Stowe Beam will work with Kevin Keller; Julia Griffin will contact Doug Harp. Judi Cola noted that the SHC web page will be revised. She also shared the wonderful news that Tuck Marketing professor Kevin Keller who led the SHC branding project has agreed to continue in an advisory role.

**Waste Reduction:** Marcus Welker reported on his Grind2Energy visit. Their goal is to manage food waste without putting into sewage systems and turn it into an energy source, which involves an anaerobic digester. Marcus suggested it was an expensive system for the outcome achieved. He could see a possible relationship between Casella and Grind2Energy, and mentioned Vermont Technical College is considering selling theirs (see [https://www.vtc.edu/meet-vtc/anaerobic-digester/digester-technology](https://www.vtc.edu/meet-vtc/anaerobic-digester/digester-technology). More about Grind2Energy is at [www.emerson.com/eu-us-commercial-residential/grind2energy-food-waste-solution](http://www.emerson.com/eu-us-commercial-residential/grind2energy-food-waste-solution).
On a related topic, Hanover is looking for ways to reduce its recycling costs. Peter Kulbacki indicated Casella has offered a different kind of curbside service using carts and trucks equipped to handle them. Pete further reported that there is currently no market for recycled glass. Discussion weighing single stream recycling vs a more limited consumer-sorted approach followed.

What is the role of SHC in waste production? The committee discussed and there was general consensus for SHC to expand its efforts to reduce waste production. Yolanda noted that we will need more people to do this effectively. Emily Rogers reminded the Committee that the COOP will be involved next year in an educational effort to encourage reuse. Moreover, the COOP is moving to the reuse of containers. SHC could get behind the COOP efforts. In addition, get the schools involved and find ways to build reuse as a community norm. The Town could model waste-free events at town facilities. Marcus reported that the Dartmouth-Hitchcock folks were very much interested in issues such as waste management.

E-BIKES – Yolanda Baumgartner has been meeting with a Vital Communities facilitated group interested in supporting the use of e-bikes, especially for commuting. Several upper valley communities are represented. The first project is a library e-bike loan program in partnership with Burlington-based Locomotion (which piloted a library loan program in VT last summer). She asked for and received the committee’s endorsement for Hanover’s participation. Julia Griffin supports the role for Howe Library and will consider the possibility of a few Town owned e-bikes. [https://www.localmotion.org/](https://www.localmotion.org/)

Newsletter – Yolanda hopes we can get an issue of the newsletter out sometime mid-January which would include article(s) written by the high school environmental group as well as Julia Griffin’s report on the trip to Denmark and other timely topics.

Other items: Julia Griffin updated the Committee on recent town solar installations. Additional solar panels are being installed plus further work is being done on the Grasse Road property with indications that an installation might be completed in 2020. Further, they are investigating a 2nd solar field site with ReVision. Municipal aggregation is moving forward with NH Clean Energy expanding a number of potential partners.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Robison, Secretary