Sustainable Hanover Committee  
Minutes of the July 17, 2019 Meeting  
Marjorie Rogalski, Peter Kulbacki, Barbara Callaway, Judith Colla, Julia Griffin, April Salas, Yolanda Baumgartner, Laura Hutchinson, Christopher Kennedy, Robert Houseman, Susan Edwards, Marcus Welker, Dennis Robison

Review of Minutes: Minutes of the June 19, 2019 meeting were distributed for review.

Announcements and Introductions:
- Marjorie Rogalski noted that we need more members for the Sustainable Hanover Committee – we’ve too few members for the work that needs to be accomplished. See the example of Waste Reduction below.
- Marcus Welker was welcomed as a new member. He is representing the Dartmouth College Sustainability Office, replacing Jenna Musco.
- The Energy Subcommittee will be having its retreat on Friday, July 26, 2019 from 10:00am-2:00pm at Lyn Swett-Miller’s home. Judith Colla will be sending out directions.

Solarize Hanover 2.0 update: Yolanda Baumgartner reported that the event had a good start with the open house, which was followed by two others. So far there have been three new installations with more being considered; 41 residents asked for site visits. The goal is to double the number of existing installations, adding 40 per year until 2021. Susan Edwards requested a brief blurb about Solarize Hanover 2.0 for an upcoming e-mail distribution list. There was a question raised as to whether or not residents who had previous installations would lose whatever advantage they might have had through net metering by adding more or improved installations or were they grandfathered in. The consensus seemed to be that they would continue to use their net metering devices and not be effected one way or another.

Waste Reduction: As part of the meeting agenda, Marjorie reported she had received two requests – one from Vital Communities and the other from ChaD Hero 2019 (Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock) regarding assistance in managing waste at their events by serving on the logistics committee on waste and recycling. This brings up the question as to how can we help and how can we get more Sustainable Hanover members and volunteers? Should we serve in an educational capacity? Among the suggestions:
- An article/request in the Valley News;
- e-newsletter;
- request through other organizations/institutions e.g. Kendal at Hanover.
- Julia volunteered to put together a request and distribute it for comment.

Energy update: The displays at Howe Library will be available for the use in the Fall for the Energy Subcommittee. In addition to the LED loan kit (which apparently has been under utilized), there will be other opportunities.

New Business:
- Solid waste/Land Fill issue: there will be a meeting in April for the purpose of working towards zero waste. Julia will be working with the COOP. Cassella is not involved as the intent is to get at the waste stream before it gets to Cassella.
• PFAS (acronym referring to per- and polyfluororakyl substances contaminating water supplies): Julia will be attending a meeting of municipalities in Concord next week to be updated on this latest crisis which is overtaking the issue of waste and recycling.

• Appointments and reappointments to the Sustainable Hanover Committee need to addressed. This will be done by the Selectboard in September.

• Newsletter: suggestions were solicited as to content of the next issue. Among those were:
  • A decade of the Community Yardsale – Susan
  • Waste reduction;
  • Neighborhood action group political issues - Barbara
  • Weatherization (winter issue?)
  • The hope is that an issue can come out mid September. Dennis will be away from August 25-September 6.

• Carbon Off sets for air travel: Julie and a group of interested citizens will soon depart for Denmark. This resulted in concerns about air travel and carbon offsets which she is investigating. Marjorie noted the the website “Compensate for your CO2 emission” as a source. Marcus said that Duke University was working on a program of off sets for university travel which might serve as a model.

There will not be a meeting in August. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 18, 2018 at 8:30am. Susan suggested that this did not excuse members for assisting with the Yard Sale!

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis E. Robison