

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Sustainability Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
September 22, 2010

Present: Stoddard, Lennon, Hart, Miller, Duffy, Hultgren (staff), Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by acting chair, Lynn Stoddard.

The August 25, 2010 minutes were reviewed.

Walton circulated flyers for expense-paid internships through the Student Conservation Association, which will be helping with the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge, and pledge forms to begin gathering challenge participants. Walton will inquire about how the Mansfield program can be tailored to off-campus student housing and using some of the grant money to start on-line publicity, including pledge forms.

Walton distributed the 2009-2010 Mansfield municipal energy carbon calculator. According to the 09-10 data, energy usage rose significantly at the Middle School and there was a 12,000 gallon drop in bus fuel usage. Both of these discrepancies will be checked for accuracy. A comparison of the three fiscal years by building, vehicle and streetlights was circulated. The committee would like the data graphed by categories for ease of comparison.

The tentative date for a presentation to the Town Council regarding sustainable considerations for school siting is October 25, 2010. Walton will confirm that this date works for Matthews.

It was decided to hold off presenting the Sustainability Committee's first year of accomplishments to Town Council until the committee has better defined priorities for the next year.

Leigh Duffy resigned as chairperson due to work conflicts. She recommended that the person taking her seat ought to be a current town council member, rather than a past council member, as she was. Stoddard was accepted as the new chair, with Lennon as the vice chair. The committee has three vacant seats – a representative from Town Council, Region 19, and Planning and Zoning.

Walton circulated Hang Out With Us on 10/10/10 flyers. Sally Milius has been coordinating this effort. A few of the schools are participating with their own clothesline display. UConn EcoHouse may also participate. Walton will be sending out a press release to the papers and radios as well as Q-Notify.

EO Smith is having a global warming teach-in October 19-22. The Sustainability Committee or Energy Education Team has been asked to do a 45 minute presentation on what the Town is doing to address climate change. Walton will prepare a presentation but suggestions of interactive activities are welcome.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2010. This meeting will be devoted to defining

priorities for the next year. It was recommended that the meeting time be changed to 5:00 pm ending at 6:30 pm. Walton will check the availability of rooms for that time and other members' availability.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton
Recycling/Refuse Coordinator

Cc: Members, file, Town Manager, Town Clerk