

Sustainability Committee
Minutes of Meeting

September 14, 2016

Present: Lynn Stoddard, Katie Fratoni, Shawn Santasiere, Peter Millman, Paul Shapiro, Bill Lennon, Susannah Everett, George Rawitscher, Don Hoyle, Julianna Barrett, Virginia Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by chairperson Stoddard. Introductions were made.

The June and July meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Shapiro/Millman. Fratoni abstained.

Millman asked if there could be a sustainability line item in the budget funded by municipal energy savings. Shapiro will discuss with the Director of Finance.

Walton reported that the first draft of the facilities study is being reviewed by staff. The Director of Maintenance, Allen Corson, will attend the October meeting to go over the preliminary findings. At the same time, committee members asked that Corson also address municipal building energy tracking.

The committee asked the climate action task force to narrow down key action items (from the spreadsheet they created) that the Town should focus on over the next year and bring this information to the October sustainability committee meeting. The task force was asked to further categorize the action items by length of time to implement, cost and ease of implementation and use this information to report to town council. The sustainability committee will be responsible for tracking the town's progress on the action items. Town staff should be briefed on the climate action priorities.

Walton reported that the Town Manager is in the process of interviewing law firms specializing in renewable energy contracts and renewable energy plans. Hart will be asked to attend a future meeting to report on this. Walton will e-mail members the proposals from three solar companies that responded to an RFP for photovoltaic installations on municipal buildings.

Former member, Kristin Schwab, will be presenting the sustainable landscape design, which was developed by her students and modified based on input from the committee and staff, to town council on September 26, 2016. Members were asked to attend the meeting to offer their support.

Santasiere reported that the LED bulb swap and bulb sale is scheduled for November 5, 2016 from 9 to 2 at the Community Center. Santasiere is working with two EO Smith students, Charlie and Noah, to arrange the event. Santasiere will recruit a few more students to help on that day. Eversource is responsible for the publicity. The latest \$10,000 energy efficiency grant will be used to fund the swap. As part of their community service hours, Charlie and Noah will also update energy efficiency efforts within the town that can be applied toward earning the next \$10,000 grant.

Walton announced that the Celebrate Mansfield Festival will be on Sunday, September 18, 2016. Volunteers are needed to help at the waste stations.

Rawitscher brought a poster for the Dodd Center Teale series. Santasiere took the poster to hang up at the Community Center. Walton will hang up a poster in the Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Walton