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Sustainable Hanover Committee Meeting, July 19, 2023

Members present: Marjorie Rogalski, Yolanda Baumgartner, Judi Colla, Barbara Callaway, Nancy Serrel, Lynn Sheldon, Susan Edwards, Catherine Rieke, Chris Kennedy, Dennis Robison, Nancy Carter (Selectboard Representative); Staff: Robert Houseman, Peter Kulbacki; Also attending Lyn Swet Miller, Sharon Racusin, Judy Reeve, Beatrice Burack

1. Minutes: The June 21, 2023 minutes were distributed and corrections noted. Any other corrections should be sent to Dennis Robison or Yolanda Baumgartner before July 24.

2. Announcements:

- Nancy Carter was welcomed. She will be attending Sustainable Hanover Committee meetings representing the Hanover Selectboard. Also welcomed were Beatrice Burack (Dartmouth '25) and Sharon Racusin (Kendal).
- In August and September, Judi Colla and Yolanda Baumgartner will be exchanging roles chairing the Sustainable Hanover Committee and the Energy subcommittee.
- There will be presentations at the September SHC meeting on natural burials and on carbon recovery.
- The Conservation Commission, Biodiversity Committee and Howe Library are sponsoring a workshop on old growth preservation on Thursday, July 20 at the Howe Library. It will be on zoom and there will be a recording.

3. SHC Meeting location change? Judi Colla expressed concern over the technical issues with zoom meetings being held in Town Hall. Should we seek a different location? Dartmouth's Irving building and Howe Library were mentioned. Rob Houseman indicated he would not be able to provide technical support for meetings outside of Town Hall. Scheduling may also be an issue. Yolanda Baumgartner suggested we look further into the situation.

4. Completed Events:

- E-Bike Library – Yolanda Baumgartner – Rain canceled a number of opportunities. However, the final event was held near the Irving building on the Dartmouth Campus to considerable success including a video clip made by Dartmouth's new President Sian Beilock who posted it. Graduate students were very interested. The consensus was that interest, at least among the resident cohort that responded enthusiastically in prior years, has dropped off probably because the audience has been reached. There was also an unfortunate delay to opening due to insurance issues. In the future, there may be more focus on students and newcomers to the community for these events.
- The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) reception at the Irving Institute for Brian Callnan, newly appointed CEO, on July 11 was very successful. Attending were more than 30 representatives of Upper Valley member communities. Clifton Below and others were honored for their early vision and work that led to the CPCNH.

On another note, Judi Colla reported that Clean Energy New Hampshire (CENH) is likely to be named as the organization responsible for managing federal funds from the Inflation Reduction Act coming into New Hampshire. Julia Griffin, former Hanover Town Manager, is on the CENH Board and would be a good contact with SHC and the Energy Committee.

5. Retreat: After some discussion the retreat date of Wednesday, October 18, 2023 from 8:00 am-Noon was suggested. The location to be determined. It will be a joint meeting of Sustainable Hanover and the Energy Committee. Yolanda Baumgartner and Judi Colla are seeking volunteers to help in the planning. Chris Kennedy offered to help.

6. BetterBins: Lynn Sheldon

The BetterBins app was discussed briefly at the June SHC meeting. Since then several SHC members and SHC's Recycle/Waste Reduction Committee (R/WR) have been exploring it further. Hanover's cost to be listed on the app would be \$1500 per year. Lebanon is currently a member. There was concern from the WR/R team that the recycling information listed for Hanover would be that much different than Lebanon's to make it worth the money. Lynn and others pointed out a key consideration is the potential to use BetterBin to clarify and improve recycling through Hanover's single sort curbside program. Pete Kulbacki expressed his support pending further details. The R/WR Committee will make a recommendation at the October meeting of the SHC.

7. Community Yard Sale: Susan Edwards

It is scheduled for September 2, 2023 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Dewey Parking Lot, Dartmouth. Volunteers are needed and should be there by 7:15 am. They will primarily be involved in giving directions. Joyce Noll will be handling communications. Morning refreshments are needed. Those interested in having a space will need to sign up beginning August 1. The registration form will be posted on the events page and the yard sale web page at sustainablehanover.org. Logistics about the link from the SHC site to the Town site will be managed. Several members expressed interest in a SHC table to sell member donated items with proceeds going to SHC

8. Reports:

- Sustainability Park Judy Reeve

Park Director John Sheridan has been contacted regarding the confusion about the name of the Park, It varies from Sustainable Park to School Street Sustainable Park to School Street Park. Recently it was called the "Town Hall Park" for a library sponsored event. It was noted that sustainability education was an important goal of maintaining the park for which some \$76,000 was raised. There is approximately \$42,000 remaining. Installation of a sundial ordered to honor Julia Griffin, retired Town Manager, was delayed due to quality issues. It has been reordered and soon will be available.

- Yardsale Photo Project: Lyn Swett Miller

Having completed a project using photography to artistically feature recycling and preservation work at the Lebanon NH Solid Waste and Recycling Facility, Lyn Swett Miller has offered to do a similar project at SHC's Community Yard Sale on September 2, 2023. Her earlier work at Lebanon resulted in a "zine" as well as an exhibit at the AVA Gallery. She would market a comparable "zine", with 50% of the proceeds being returned to SHC. Support for the project was given.

- Newsletter: Dennis Robison

The **deadline will be Wednesday, August 16.** There will be an article on styrofoam recycling. In addition, there will be information about the Yard Sale and the Sustainability Park. Marjorie Rogalski has expressed an interest in information about the amount of solar installation that exists in Hanover. She noted that Rob Taylor at one time offered to write an article on this topic. Robison indicated he was open to other appropriate articles.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Robison, Secretary