

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Town Hall, 40 Center Street Fairhaven Massachusetts

1. Acting Chair Ann Richard opened public hearing at 6:30 p.m. and Ms. Richard informed the public that the meeting was being televised.
2. Quorum/Attendance: Acting Chair, Ann Richard, Wendy Drumm, Marcus Ferro, and Susan Spooner. Absent: Chairperson Deidre Healy, Anne O'Brien.

Sustainability Coordinator, Whitney McClees was also present.

3. **Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2019 meeting**

Wendy Drumm made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 5, 2019, seconded by Marcus Ferro. This motion passed unanimously.

4. **Drawdown EcoChallenge**

Whitney McClees provided an update and explained current rank in EcoChallenge as well as a brief update regarding participants. She also pointed out marketing strategies that were used in order to gain more contenders.

- a) **Raffle prizes vote**

Discussion regarding what the Committee will be raffling off and at what cost.

Susan Spooner made a motion to approve Eco-friendly baskets up to \$300.00 total. Seconded by Wendy Drumm, This motion passed unanimously.

5. **Sustainability Committee Charge Update**

Whitney McClees provided a summary regarding Sustainability Committee Charge. She explained that after meeting with Chairperson Deidre Healy, she suggested provisions if during a meeting the number of regular voting members do not constitute a quorum.

Discussion continued regarding the committee's voting ability as well as the roles of full and alternate members.

6. **Fairhaven Community Garden Clearing Project**

Whitney McClees explained that she was actively looking into Round the Bend Farm regarding goatscaping because of its close proximity to Fairhaven rather than Cape Cod.

She brushed upon the fees that were included in the quote from Goat Green Cape Cod. She also spoke about the fees that were associated with Round the Bend Farm that she received from Hannah Wiley.

The board discussed the length of time this process would take as well as the best time for commencement of the project. Whitney McClees explained the recommendations that were provided by Ms. Wiley at Round the Bend Farm.

Discussion ensued.

- *No decisions were made at this time regarding the cost of the project.*

7. Straws Initiative Update

Wendy Drumm provided a detailed update regarding the Straws Initiative

Ms. Spooner recommended that they request a booth at the Huttleston Marketplace to spread awareness on the subject.

Whitney McClees recommended that if they do get a booth they should expand the initiative to include all single-use plastics.

The board discussed the importance of educating the public on avoiding single-use plastics.

Brief discussion whether to concern other municipal boards with the initiative.

Ann Richard recommended that the committee have a conjoined meeting with the Board of Heath in order for everyone to be on the same page with the initiative.

Ann Richard recommended that it be kept on agenda for next meeting.

Discussion ensued.

8. General Business:

a) Payment of Bills: 1 Bill for \$110.15

Ann Richard made a motion to approve the reimbursement of \$110.15 to Whitney McClees for Sustainability Conference 2019, seconded by Marcus Ferro, this motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding the Sustainability Conference 2019.

Discussion regarding next Sustainability Committee meeting on May 21, 2019

Ann Richard made a motion to adjourn the public meeting of April 16, 2019 at 7:29 p.m. Seconded by Marcus Ferro. This motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shallyn Rodriguez
Recording Secretary