

**Sustainability Committee
Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts**

1. Chairperson Deidre Healey opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and informed the public that the meeting was being televised and recorded.
2. **Quorum/Attendance:** Chairperson Deidre Healey, Anne O'Brien, Susan Spooner, Wendy Drumm, Karen Gent, And Denise Barr Absent: Marcus Ferro, Ann Richard, Marianne Murray, and Lois Callahan.

Whitney McClees Sustainability Coordinator was present.
3. **Approval of Minutes** of April 16, 2019 meeting

Anne O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2019, seconded by Susan Spooner. This motion passed unanimously.
4. **Payment of Bills:** Joseph K. Delano Sawmill, Inc. for wood for Community Garden for \$52.49

Anne O'Brien made a motion to pay \$52.49 to Joseph K. Delano Sawmill, Inc. for wood for community garden, seconded by Susan Spooner, this motion passed unanimously.
5. **Discussion to Restructure Leadership Positions**

Deidre Healy briefly discussed the leadership positions that will be available in the upcoming fiscal year and if anyone is considering the positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chair and Clerk. She explained that this will only be a discussion and a formal vote will be conducted at the next meeting.

Wendy Drumm questioned the duties of the clerk, in which Mrs. Healey explained the clerk would keep the meeting minutes for the committee.

Brief discussion regarding having a minute-taker outside the committee and if that was a feasible option.

Ms. Healey explained the duties of the Chairperson as well as the Vice-Chair. Ms. Healey explained that she is looking to step-down from the position of Chairperson. However, she will remain as an active member of the committee.

6. Sustainability Committee Logo Discussion and Vote

Ms. Healey emphasized the fact that Fairhaven High School students designed these logos.

Ms. McClees explained that she received numerous comments regarding the logo and passed it around for input from the board members. Ms. McClees explained that there were two in particular that were the most popular.

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Ms. McClees at this time provided a slide show of the designed logos for the committee for a vote.

Wendy Drumm expressed her opinions on which options she was in favor of.

Deidre Healey expressed which logos she was in favor of as well as any changes that she would make. She liked in particular the turbine logo but was not sure about the imagery but liked the officiality of the logo.

Ms. McClees explained that the teacher explained that if there were any changes or combinations that they will be more than willing to make those changes.

Anne O'Brien explained which logo she is most in favor of and explained that it emphasizes the main locations of the town in which sustainability is based on sustaining the town overall.

Wendy Drumm explained that she did not see the relevance of the cannons with sustainability.

Ms. McClees suggested to the board that whichever logo the board chooses that it is important that the designs stay balanced.

Ms. Healey asked the board if they agreed that the cannons should be replaced but something more reflective of the natural environment.

Discussion regarding adding important landmarks in the town in place of the cannons.

Whitney McClees explained that she would reach out to the appropriate personal in order to make these changes.

7. Fairhaven Community Garden Clearing Project

Deidre Healey reminded the board of the concept of the project and that she loved the idea of having the goats clear the un-needed plantings like raspberries around the community garden at the middle school.

Ms. McClees provided an update regarding information that she received from the consultation with personnel from Round the Bend Farm.

Whitney McClees provided the board with before and after photos of goat clearing.

Ms. Healey recommended that the board come up with a long-term plan for the clearing the community garden wanted to accomplish in which she provided suggestions on how to begin.

Ms. Spooner questioned the distance of the area to be cleared.

Whitney McClees explained that it is approximately 25ft.

Pam Greene from the Community Garden Committee was in the audience and answered questions that the board had regarding the garden and its measurements.

Discussion regarding the size of the area that is to be cleared.

Anne O'Brien suggested a site visit of the garden to more precise measurement of area to be cleared.

Deidre Healey recommended that this matter should be revisited by the Community Garden Committee and discussed more in depth at a later time.

Whitney McClees the board with a visual presentation of the garden beds in which discussion ensued.

8. Plastic-Free July Eco-Challenge Initiative

Deirdre Healy provided an overview of what the Plastic Free EcoChallenge is, the partners involved in the local initiative, and how it is related to the April Drawdown EcoChallenge.

Whitney McClees went through a demonstration of how to sign in or sign up, how to join Team SouthCoast MA, the EcoChallenge Dashboard, and the different actions that are involved.

Ms. McClees also discussed Buttonwood Park Zoo's involvement with the Plastic Free EcoChallenge last year and how they wanted to involve the wider community for the challenge this year.

Ms. Healy mentioned the opportunity to have a Sustainability Committee table at the Huttleston Marketplace on July 6 to promote the Plastic Free EcoChallenge.

Discussion regarding signage and materials for the table.

Discussion regarding outreach for the challenge.

Susan Spooner brought up a machine called the Skimmer to remove plastics from the water.

9. Fall Sustainability Fair vs. Sustainability Café

Deirdre Healy recapped the discussion regarding the potential Sustainability Fair in the fall and brought up the idea that she discussed with Whitney to have a Sustainability Café monthly or every other month and how she envisioned it happening.

Discussion regarding terminology.

Discussion regarding planning and schedule for Sustainability Café

Discussion regarding potential topics. Karen Gent offered to do a talk on solar for homes.

10. Recruitment to Fill Alternate Slots

Deirdre Healy indicated that there are still openings for alternate slots on the committee and that we should try to fill them.

Wendy Drumm asked what the alternate does and why the Committee has them. Whitney McClees provided an explanation of what alternates do and how the charge was written.

Anne O'Brien asked how many alternate opening the Committee has. Ms. McClees indicated there are two openings, possibly three.

11. General Business

Anne O'Brien made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Denise Barr. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shallyn Rodriguez and Whitney McClees