

**MEETING MINUTES****Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:30pm**

Present: Wendy Drumm, Tim Garcia, Ann Richard, Susan Spooner

Absent: Christin Ritz, Karen Gent, Deirdre Healy

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT****MINUTES**

Dec 14 tabled to next meeting

**SINGLE USE PLASTICS**

Wendy Drumm provided an update on the activities of the advisory group: The Advisory Board met by zoom with the BOH on December 12, 2021. The BOH could see the spirit behind the proposal and " it is always great to look at ways to better our planet..." After a discussion and a recap by Wendy the decision was made by the Committee to create a survey that will be sent to local businesses. Wendy will contact BOH agent and ask for emails for business owners. Wendy will meet with the advisor board and work on survey questions. Susan volunteered to help on this project.

**2022 TOWN MEETING ARTICLES**

At this point we have two article spots held for FSC but we can always pass them over if needed. There was a brief discussion about the having them on the Warrant this year even if they are passed over so that people can read about them and think about them until the next town meeting.

**GREEN SPACES, OPEN SPACE AND POCKET PARKS**

Tim discussed a few ideas that he is working on about local pocket parks in neighborhoods and also about Green Spaces that could be more accessible to the community. There was a discussion about some of the properties in town and how they could used by more people. Tim will continue to work on his idea and bring it back to the committee with more details.

There is an idea to have a committee in town formed to look at the parks, open spaces and create a complete survey to use for future plans. The Planning Director is working on this idea and hopes to get a committee during this year to start this process.

**ECOCHALLENGE- PLANNING FOR APRIL EVENT**

There will be an Eco- challenge again in April and an event at NB Zoo. We had discussed doing something during this time to recognize local businesses that were green.

**2040 MASTER PLAN**

As discussed by Tim the Master Plan does mention open spaces and green spaces in town and this is something that the committee should always be thinking about.

#### SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Whitney provided a copy of the Annual Report which was submitted to the Select Board's office to be included in the Town Report.

Whitney explained to Committee about the Electric Vehicles Incentive Program grants. Again there is still a hold on this because of the pandemic and the supply chain. Hopefully this will be moving forward soon.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

##### FY23 BUDGET

Whitney provided the committee with the budget that was submitted to the Interim TA. There is an increase in the budget to have a full-time employee and a budget for a part-time employee for the department. Hope fully the full-time employee will be funded this year since it was not at Town Meeting last year.

Next meeting will be February 15, 2022.

Wendy Drumm made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tim Garcia, unanimous by hand raise (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.