



# **Fairhaven Sustainability Committee**

## **July 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Whitney McClees, Karen Gent, Anne O'Brien, Deirdre Healy, Ann Richard, Wendy Drumm, Lois Callahan joined the meeting at 6:40 pm.

**Not Present:** Denise Barr, Marcus Ferro, Susan Spooner, Marianne Murray.

Chairperson Deirdre Healy called the meeting to order in the Town Hall Banquet Room at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was video recorded by the Cable Access department.

### **MINUTES**

- Ms. O'Brien motioned to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting. Ms. Drumm seconded. Vote was unanimous. (4-0)
- Ms. O'Brien motioned to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting. Ms. Drumm seconded. Vote was unanimous (4-0).

### **LEADERSHIP RESTRUCTURE**

The Chair offered to take agenda item #6, "Discussion and Vote to Restructure Leadership Positions", out of order. There were no objections to the change in agenda order.

Ms. McClees assumed the role of chair temporarily and asked for nominations for chairperson. Ms. Healy motioned to nominate Ann Richard. Ms. O'Brien seconded. There were no additional nominations. Upon the motion, Ms. McClees called for a vote. Vote to appoint Ms. Richard to chair was unanimous. (4-0). Ms. Richard took over the meeting as the new chairperson.

Ms. Richard opened the meeting to nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. O'Brien nominated Denise Barr. Ms. Richard seconded. Vote was unanimous. (4-0).

Ms. O'Brien volunteered to serve as a recording secretary until another option could be identified, for a term not to exceed six months. Ms. Richard accepted the offer as a motion and seconded it. Vote was unanimous. (4-0).

### **PLASTIC FREE JULY UPDATE**

Ms. McClees updated the group to the activities of the Southcoast team on the Drawdown Plastic Free July campaign. At the time of the meeting, the Southcoast/Fairhaven team was ranked 36

out of 761 global teams. The outreach by the Sustainability Committee at the Saturday Huttleston Marketplace had been successful and well-received.

### **SUSTAINABILITY CAFÉ**

The group discussed ideas and potential subject matter for the upcoming “Sustainability Café”. The café discussions will take place on the first Saturday of each month. Ms. McClees will reach out to the Harrop Center to see if there would be meeting space with a sink for the purpose of the café. Ms. Healy will collect ideas for a year’s schedule of café topics.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Sustainability Committee will be August 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall Banquet Room.

Ms. O’Brien motioned to adjourn at 7:03 pm. Ms. Drumm seconded. Vote was unanimous. (4-0)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Anne O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anne O'Brien