

Lenox Environmental Committee

Minutes of meeting: June 5, 2017

Present: Eric Federer, Harriet Wetstone, Susan May, Suky Werman, Carolyn Butler, Dave Rimmler

Others Present: Jamie Cahillane

Note: There was no LEC meeting scheduled in May, 2017

Carolyn Butler has become a new member of the LEC.

SW made a motion to accept the minutes from April, 2017. HW seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

EF gave an update on the plastic bag and Styrofoam ban that goes into effect June 10, 2017. One Lenox business has applied for an extension and another was confused about the regulations and ordered compostable bags. A ban in Stockbridge will go into effect next year.

JC gave an update on restaurant food composting in Lenox. The owner of Empire Zero Waste is ill and has sold his business. Natural Upcycling Co. just bought the business and is reaching out to restaurants. Lenox Valley WTF is also getting into food composting at the transfer station. Townspeople can drop off their food waste at Meadow Farm in Lee. JC will be meeting with people in Williamstown who also want to compost food waste.

EF suggested we could promote Meadow Farm on the town website. Morris School has a garden with a compost bin and rain barrel.

There will be no LEC meeting in May, 2017. There will be a planning session during the next LEC meeting on July 10, 2017. Heather Wasilewsky from MA DEP will attend.

Recycling containers for public use have been ordered for the town. LEC is using grant money of \$750.00 towards this purchase.

SM reported that the solar arrays at the capped landfill are installed. A date has not been set for turn-on.