

MINUTES OF LENOX ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: March 5, 2018

Lenox Town Hall, Superintendents Office

Present: Carolyn Butler, Harriet Wetstone, Eric Federer, Susan May, David Rimmmler

Absent: Suky Werman, Mark Pignatelli

Also Present: Jamie Cahillane

Call to Order: 5:35 pm

January 7 minutes: HW motion, DR 2nd, passed

February 5 minutes: EF motion, SM 2nd, passed, DR abstained

Columbia Sustainability Study - Grad Students came here on 2/23/18 and met with DPW, Gwen Miller, SM, CB, Pam Keuber, SW. Ken Fowler and Chris Ketchem not available. Discussed Master Plan, housing, transportation, waste disposal. Toured Town Hall, Library, Shakespeare & Co, The Mount, Waste Water Treatment Plant, Solar Array, Reservoir. Columbia to produce Environmental Impact Statement to work with Master Plan.

Jim Wiluz/Daley Carting - TriTown BofH still in discussions about recycling.

Renewable Energy Summit - SM reported there was lively discussions, exchange of exciting ideas. Breakout discussions including Charlemont Ski Area, Wind & Solar - holding renewable energy classes. Great Barrington is promoting Mass Save. Grants available to towns for renewable energy from Dept of Energy Resources. Summit was an opportunity to raise awareness in the area.

Lee Recycling Committee - CB met with Peter Hoffman. He wants Apple Squeeze to be zero waste. He wants us to staff recycling and compost bins to reduce and divert waste. Need to check/coordinate with Jamie at Chamber of Commerce.

CB met with CK - discussed budget line for committee with supplies, thought some could be made available.

Small Scale Grant "SMART GRANT" - Reimbursement grant with June 3rd submission deadline. Verinike Blanchard is the Municipal Assistance Coordinator (MAC). Reimbursement is through the "Retract" online system. Requires a survey to qualify. CB to as VB who coordinates here in Lenox. Discussion on use for grant money: ideas: cloth reuseable bags or stainless steel water bottles. Do we charge of for the bottles. HW to research bottles.

EF left at 5:55pm

Adjourned 6:41pm, DR motion, HW 2nd.