

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Lenox Environmental Committee
January 6, 2020 5:30-6:30PM

A regular meeting of the Lenox Environmental Committee was held in the Superintendent's Conference Room at Town Hall on January 6, 2020.

Susan Wolf chaired the meeting and the following Committee members also attended: Susan May, Suky Werman and Harriet Wetstone.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.

Suky Werman updated the Committee on a discussion she held with Town Administrator Chris Ketchen about two pending potential projects:

Water Station: At past meetings the Committee has discussed and agreed that it is advisable to add one or more water stations where people could refill water bottles. The Committee has noted public water stations would aide in the reduction of the use of disposable plastic water bottles and also support the reputation with tourists that Lenox is an environmentally friendly town. Ms. Werman reported that Mr. Ketchen is supportive of the Committee developing a proposal for the Board of Selectman to approve for constructing and installing a public water station, where people could refill water bottles. The Committee discussed potential locations for the water station and next steps in moving the project forward. Ms. Werman will continue leading the Committee's work on this project.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station: At past meetings the Committee had discussed adding a second Town owned charging station for electric vehicles, preferably a fast charge station. The project had been tabled because the Committee had understood that the electric vehicle charging station at Town Hall had generated some negative commentary from certain taxpayers who do not own electric vehicles. However, Ms. Werman reported that in spite of that negative commentary, Mr. Ketchen was supportive of the Committee further exploring adding additional Town-owned charging stations. Susan May indicated an interest in leading the Committee's efforts on this project and agreed to contact the Town Accountant to learn if the current charging station is separately metered and the usage/cost figures.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Wolf