

Minutes to the Weston Sustainability Committee Special Meeting

February 21, 2018

Attendees:

Kirby Brendsel	Weston Sustainability Committee
Jens Buettner	Weston Sustainability Committee
Ken Coulson	Weston Sustainability Committee
Marc de Mul	Weston Sustainability Committee
Amy Kalafa	Weston Sustainability Committee
Scott Licamele	Weston Sustainability Committee
Natalie Terrill	Weston Sustainability Committee

The meeting opened at 7:40 PM.

1. Committee communications. We need a way to communicate outside meetings but within the Freedom of Information Act guidelines. Natalie will ask Jonathan for options. Marc gave an update on the website, which can only be a single page on the town website. The committee agreed that was adequate for now.
2. Update on initiatives. Natalie is meeting with the Board of Selectmen on March 15 to discuss the **plastic bag ordinance**. Other committee members can attend. Chris Spaulding has suggested that the Marketing & Communications committee have input in the bag design.

Kirby gave an update on **virtual net metering**. There are 2x1 MW available; the 1st MW will be for the schools and the remainder for the town. There is a fixed rate option and a variable rate option. Kirby will recommend the fixed rate option to the Board of Education meeting on Monday February 26.

Electric vehicle chargers for the town. 2 models: one offered by Tesla where the chargers are free but the town pays for electricity, the other offered by a different provider is the same except the user pays for electricity used. The committee agrees that the paid option is preferred. Kirby will obtain proposals for discussion by the committee.

Sustainable Fairfield County. Amy and Ken will propose a keynote speaker (potentially Paul Hawken, author of *Drawdown*) with music and food vendors at Lachat Farm. We can ask for BoS approval on 3/15.

3. Sustainable CT Certification. Amy, Natalie, Ken and Kirby will take the lead on this. Natalie will get clarification on what the expectation is for the BoS meeting on 3/15.
4. Green Leaf Schools. Natalie contacted the Board of Education and established contact with Tony Pesco. Marc and Scott will join with Natalie in pursuing this.
5. Low Impact Living Series topics & collaboration. Topics may come from our committee brainstorming session last year. Jens suggests that for the next meeting we reconsider our goals for the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.