

## Weston Sustainability Committee 11/30/10 Minutes

Attendees: Deirdre Doran, David Wilk, Clem Butt, Eileen Kaufman, Phoebe Cole-Smith, Lou Dempsey.

Chairman Doran called the meeting at 7:32 PM

### Election of Officers:

Lou Dempsey resigned as Treasurer. Lou Dempsey elected as Secretary with a motion by David Wilk. Approved unanimously.

Old Business- Lou and Deirdre provided an update on the Neighbor to Neighbor program. Expected launch is February 2011.

David Wilk secured a \$1,500 grant from the Weston Education Fund for a speaker series. Possible speakers include: Anna LaPay, author Diary of a Hot Planet (confirmed), Josh Gasland, Josh Duvall, Kip Bergstram. Looking for a movie series as well. Phoebe Cole to contact Kate Lupo.

Phoebe Cole is trying to get a meeting with members of Westports Green Village Initiative (GVI).

Lou Dempsey will gather names from committee members to create spreadsheet of volunteers.

Recycling: Valerie Mason Finegan spoke to Dan Clarke (head of Weston school facilities). Students are not doing a great job of recycling. They need better receptacles. Advantage Waste appears better than Finnochio due to the size of their trucks. Peter's Market does not seem to recycle their garbage.

Phoebe Cole asked whether we could quantify the amount of garbage we recycle – for competition purposes.

Clem Butt offered it was possible he may get a discount on recycling containers.

Wellesley, MA may serve as a model for recycling program.

Eileen Kaufman suggested putting garbage units into categories. Valerie will come up with an outline of a plan for the committee to review (Steve DeLay can be a resource to Valerie).

Lou Dempsey provided an update on Viridian. They appear to be marketing themselves as a provider of renewable energy at a low cost. Roger Smith of Clean Water said this is not the case.

David Wilk was working on the website. He has responded to individuals looking to assist the committee. No response as yet. The site has sat dormant since mid 2009. Lou Dempsey will receive emails going forward and will respond.

We will notify the community of the website and the committee's work via Forum article. Also, will utilize the people in the Neighbor to Neighbor program to get the word out regarding the committee (newsletter, email?).

Deirdre will begin work on establishing bylaws for the committee.

Lou will start a draft of the mission/vision statement.

Lou and Deirdre spoke about possibility of Weston Middle School getting solar panels. State grant of \$3 million is available. Due date is 1/1/11. Deirdre and Lou will meet with school Board.

Harvey Bellin is going to forward a draft of "the Weston Nature Covenant."

Deirdre will ask Gayle Weinstein if we can approach the town for expenditures such as recycling bins or other items?

Lou will reach out to Newman's Own Foundation for money.

Eileen Kaufman stressed prioritization of projects at next meeting.

Lou Dempsey moved to adjourn. Seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.