



MANCHESTER BY THE SEA SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes 04/08/2021 8:00-9:30 PM online

Approved 5/13/2021

Attendees: Alison Anholt-White (Chair), Carley Cook, Nadia Wetzler, Su Mittermaier, Leigh Scharfe, Dana Menon, Bella Wright

Absent: Allison Ste. Marie

1. Some issues signing in to the zoom meeting, meeting started at 8:25pm
2. Approved the minutes from 3/11/2021 meeting
3. Update on the Zero Waste Challenge planning: Parks and Recreation Department is assisting, and have emailed their list about the event. Has been posted on the Sustainability Committee Facebook page as well.
4. Guest: Christine Metrano-Barber from the Manchester By the Sea Welcoming Committee. 75 families have moved to Manchester since last summer. The Welcoming Committee is sending them information, and connecting them with community ambassadors. The Welcoming Committee will soon start sending them baskets with materials, and will include Sustainability materials in the basket (including composting information).
5. Update on the 40B application: SLV has withdrawn their application to the Board of Selectmen. They may try to proceed with their project through State approval, then appear before the Town Zoning Board. The Sustainability Committee should stay updated and involved in the 40R zoning project.
6. Clean up trash in town:
 - a. Will the Community Center be running a Neighborhood Cleanup this year? Usually happens on one of the first Saturdays in May. Can we partner with them?
 - b. WasteManagement seems to be doing a messy job of recycling pickup - lots of materials dropped.
 - c. Sustainability Committee should check in with the Town Administrator on the RFP for the new waste collection contract. What are the requirements included in the contract?
 - d. Restaurants in town are not all observing the plastics ban - what is the enforcement for that?
 - e. post-COVID restrictions for restaurants, follow through on idea to create a seal/window decal for Manchester restaurants that compost and use compostable take out containers

- f. Could we get a profile on "green" restaurants in a local foodie magazine, such as "Edible"?
7. The Town will soon issue a new RFP for the operation of the relocated compost site.
8. Manchester Garden Club is looking for grants to put additional trash bins around town, some with planters.
9. What is the Sustainability Committee's budget? What can we use it for? Could we use it to provide curbside compost bins for new residents?
10. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 13th, 7pm
11. Meeting adjourned at 9:19pm