MANCHESTER BY THE SEA SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes 6/13/2019 7:30 PM Town Hall

Attendees: Alison Anholt-White (chair), Allie St. Marie, Dana Spang Menon, Carley Cooke, Nadia Wetzler, Su Mittermaier
Absent: Melissa Flinn, Kyle Khani, Gary Gilbert

1) Approved minutes from 5/2/19
2) Cape Ann Community Foundation Grant (Su) – no update yet, still waiting
3) Survey update next time. (Kyle)
4) Beth Porter from Green America event report (Alison) – about 40 people attended, super speaker and guest, see link from Alison. Amy Leonard The Story of Stuff quotes. Reuse/reimagine means rather than buying new, move to repair items instead of throwing things away. Spread the word as to how to actually do this.
5) Waste Management contract (Nadia) – There is less recycling since increased plastic ban. Nadia only received the addendums and not the core contract. Nadia will follow up with Greg Federspiel to look at core contract.
6) Request that all local restaurants use compostable ware for takeout – Carley will talk to new restaurant replacing Superfine & Captain Dusty’s. Who will approach Antique Table, Bravo, Black Arrow, Richdale’s, Essen, Laughing Gull, Utopia Farms, etc.? Shall we do a letter writing campaign as end-consumers to encourage any businesses that need to change?
7) Composting update (Andrew/Alison) – Allie and Carley have encouraged their neighbors to start composting. Allie promoted the idea at Hit the Streets and delivered bins to a few families. Andrew will let us know if there is increased usage.
8) MBTS Sustainability Committee Seal of Approval (Alison): Shared some of these with local businesses. Continuing to work on this for next meeting.
9) Sustainability Pledge (Alison) – ideal: intended as an exercise to change your habits, handout at public places and events
10) New Facebook page for us (Kyle). Add Kid video from Tory, plus MRF, photos, etc..
11) Need volunteer to collaborate with School Committee – elementary school is still using plastic water bottles. Shannon Erdman is School Committee chair. Memorial School too. (Allie) High school and middle school already do this.
12) Meeting with Eric Magers – Seaside Sustainability (Alison and Su)
13) Community Gardens (Dana) -
14) Collaboration with Gloucester and other local towns. Need volunteer to manage.
15) Future events:
   a) Plan event in Community Center for October 5 (or Sept 21, Sept 28 as alternatives. Tables with information about all our topics of concern. Make your own cleaning solution, make your own playdoh, etc. Common Crow to have a table. Consignment shops to join us? Wild Oats.

b) Pascal Mittermaier to speak in the autumn?

c) Suggestions for movie about recycling: Bag It. Wally.

d) Continue to make an announcement at summer concerts with 1 piece of advice per week.
   (Carley, Allie)

e) Next single issue sign: 1) composting saves us $10K per year as a town at our current rate (which is about 25% of households), 2) postcard to each household

Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

Next meeting dates: Thursday, July 11 at 7:30PM in Town Hall.