

Jan 7

Nina, Chris, Bev, Chetana,

No changes or comments on the minutes from December. Minutes are accepted.

Public comments:

Lisa Cooper - West side resident - follows a bunch of FB zero waste sites, found Wellesley, Mass is holding a zero waste program and challenge. This week they are running a bottle "Zerowaste Wellesley " Can we try the same? Checking to see if its official town or a separate group.

Learned that Newfields stopped recycling.

"Can we as a town incentivize - non single use plastics?"

Dave Sharples mentioned on the planning and building side there can be incentives in permitting for green/ renewable initiatives, but we struggled to think of a town government can do it without legislation - we discussed citizens petition for warrant articles. 25 signatures required.

We can suggest people reach out to their retailers and request

Discussion of Select board meeting from Jan 6 and the appointment of Dave Sharples. We are here to support.

How can we support and work together?

Dave Mentioned "there are projects that I am working on such as the greenhouse gas measurement initiative, as well as supporting the energy committee and the SAC."

Agreed to provide a list of initiative ideas and we will do the same. We can identify a list and set some goals. We can identify the list of things the town is already doing and things we should be doing.

We should have a working session in the next month to work thought that. Dave "looking to us to bring forward what's happening in the community with different initiatives and illuminate them.

Dave will forward his list and we can have a brainstorm session next meeting.

Dave, in his role, will continue to work on existing initiatives underway, the UNH Fellowship to work on our municipal operations footprint -

Bev Reported on the NH coastal climate summit - Bev will provide a recap to attach to the minutes.

Bev suggested we work with Julie LaBranche more as she has a solid track record of finding money

Liuxi - reporting on geothermal energy system and PEA. Looking to see what the Town could learn. There is a significant closed loop system at PEA. Liuxi will provide notes to attached to the minutes. 30 % higher than other systems, but Payoff 16-17 years. 20-50% more efficient, clean. Lucy looked into incentives and rebates - federal 30% rebate, declining over the coming years to come.

Resignation of Jen Piskovitz, need to step away from the committee - application is posted on the town website. Select board will leave it open until they get a handful, and then conduct interviews. Open term is until 4/2k22

Jen had an initiative to work with Exeter TV for outreach. We would need to consider the goals in place and work through our objectives. It needs to be scripted and pro - if we could create a regular spot to run on regular programming. Dave shaprles has already created and outline or content on this. Has been working on for a month or so. Will forward with his list. Including highlighting Exeter residents who are doing great, sustainable things. What can you do? At the end.

Between last meeting and this, I did forward an email from Kristen Murphy about the climate action warrant article. Looking to get 250 towns in NH to pass this Warrant article. 40 towns are already in. To deliver a unified message to the statehouse. It is consistent, covers carbon price, etc. We need to look into how or if we can support or drive it.

We will get some info from the Energy Committee on the granite Bridge and if they can put a proclamation or support a warrant article.

Exeter Climate outreach meeting here Thursday run by Kristin Murphy 8am in the Wheelwright room. This is an internal town effort to synthesize the existing documents the town has on climate.