

**TOWN OF EXETER  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 18, 2019**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chetana Parmar.

**Members Present:** Beverly Tappan, Christopher Zigmont, Chetana Parmar, Kristen Osterwood, Robin Tyner, and Niko Papakonstantis, Select Board Representative and Kathy Corson, Chairperson of the Board

**Staff Present:** Dave Sharples, Town Planner

**Philips Exeter Academy Student Representative:** Liuxi Sun

Apologies from Nina Braun and Jennifer Brackett Piskovitz. Comments from Ms. Braun are at the end of the meeting minutes.

**1. Discussion of Sustainability Fair**

- Much discussion of whether to hold the Sustainability Fair in early 2020 when it is unclear that the committee members will be able to devote adequate time and effort to make the fair a success.
- Discussion the additional task to educate the public on the status of the Sustainability Coordinator position. As residents of Exeter voted in favor of the creation of an office and that Budget Recommendations Committee voted to not fund the position and the committee would like to inform the public. Potentially through coffee discussions/smaller group meetings at Ollie and Me.
- Ms. Corson informed that no one on the Committee, as a representative of the Town, may advocate for or campaign for or against something - but only educate. And that all communications from the Board on social media must go through a town employee.
- Ms. Tyner stated that we are in a better position than last year when the film festival was held.
- As whole the committee decided to push the Sustainability Fair until later in the year to ensure it could receive proper attention.
- A task for all committee members is to brainstorm ways in which the public can be educated about about the Budget Recommendations Committee Decision and what options there are moving forward. (Potentially educate on other BRC

decisions to ensure that there is no advocating for or campaigning.). Ideas can be emailed to Ms. Parmar and/or discussed at next meeting.

8:00 meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Osterwood

Nina Braun comments sent in:

In regards to the Sustainability town position - I think that will require a separate plan of awareness directed specifically at those who will be voting on the budget. I would like the SF to address concerns and create awareness to the general public, and in some way, weave the issue in as to the importance of the town taking serious measures to ensure we are able to see and reach specific sustainability goals for the town of Exeter (by hiring someone!) If we hold the event in March we will know the outcome and can direct our outreach accordingly.