TOWN OF EXETER SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES July 7, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chetana Parmar.

Members Present: Christopher Zigmont, Nina Braun, Chetana Parmar, Kristen Osterwood, Beverly Tappan and Niko Papakonstantis, Select Board Representative.

Niko read emergency order

All board members introduced themselves

Approval of meeting minutes from June: Motion to approve by Beverly, 2nd by Chris

Update on Sustainability Fellow by Chetana from Dave: Rachel is finishing gathering data and Dave will be attending midterm presentations this Friday, he will update SAC at next meeting.

Chris update on communications: in process - the town Facebook page has 5,000 followers, quite strong. The subgroup was unable to meet due to vacations, but will have an update for next time

Julie LeBranch update on comments from Situation Assessment and Needs (Gap Analysis):

- Goal to make a short list of main goals: Julie is taking notes and will send out
- Comments: have a plan on how to use information use Greenhouse Gas Inventory
- Regulatory and land use: recommended to update town building code to incorporate more energy efficiency and
- Having high water flood marks around town
- Have sustainability events
- Planning: bicycle & pedestrian plan for the town RPC has resources to offer
- Other: flood resilience planning, composting, communications plan, branding & logo development (would be for project, not committee)
- Julie will color code/categorize comments and send back to the SAC for ranking of the 5 most important each short, medium, and long term goals
- Julie will work closely with the Communication Subcommittee of Chris and Nina

Chetana received a request from a resident on development occurring on Continental Drive - asked whether there are sustainable features in this development.

- Niko info: last update is they are still hearing about the project, still in initial stages of the planning board - was discussed by Conservation Commission as well.

Niko supports getting the word out about the two open spots on the SAC: get them filled to help get this work done. Chetana requested Nina post the open positions and how to apply on SAC and Town Facebook page.

Chetana motioned to adjourn, seconded by Nina. Adjourned at 7:55

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Osterwood