

November 6, 2020

Present: Chetana, Nico, Bev Tapan, Kris, Jackie Ojala, Dave Sharples, Chris Zigmont, Nina

Agenda -

Call to order, Roll Call, Covid statement read by Chair -

Public Comments - No Comments

Approval of the minutes - last meeting - action items - we will pick up after

Action Items

Sustainability Updates - Julie LaBranche could not join, but said she would get some info to Dave, Rachel N will review the GHG inventory shortly. Went to the Select board meeting and heard good comments on landfill solar study, Will move forward with RFP to gauge interest. If there is interest and get an interview panel together. Then look into state requirements, and fully study.

CP: Timeline? DS: Hoping to get the RFP out in the paper this weekend and then published next week. Would give 30 days for response. Then interview. 6-8 weeks to get a firm on board.

CP: offered help for any resource and participate.

KO: did you reach out to Until to tie into the Grid? DS: No, but we did check on 3 phase power. That will come next.

Comms Updates: Nina will work to get meeting minutes highlights and a link on the town website (Pre approval?)

Coastal Program resiliency update? No Julie. CP: frustrated due to lack of progress on this for the committee. Did connect with the Kittery film festival to see if there were any collaboration opportunities, and sharing some of the same films and combine resources. Looking for suggestions for some action items. The situation certainly calls for a paid position as is evidenced by the work to do and the slow progress. It's more evidenced now. Comments:

NP: I understand your frustrations. BRC met, Russ Dean presented budget. No hires, no new positions. CP: Fully expected that.

Plastic Waste issue : Pandemic increase, need to work to curb and a plan of action. What can we do? CP - opened for discussion. BT: Recycling isn't what it is said to be. Pushed by big oil.

Looking to “Refuse to use” and Re-use. Push the town for substitutes. We are all intaking micro plastics. The story of plastic. CZ: Can the town issue a n ordinance to ban single use plastics? CP: has worked with some towns that have done it. Has some feedback from towns. NB: Paper bag mandate would be a good option as in MA. Start with the awareness for plastics and work toward paper mandate / no plastics. Walgreens does. CP: regarding plastics, we had that meeting about composting and the Laney and Lu folks, there was a conversation about how to get biz in town to use compostable containers, Lany and Lu offered to take their compost. Since that convo, not much has been done. Its another opportunity to engage with local biz to make the switch. NP: Biz owners don't like the cost. We need to create awareness. CP: Buying power argument if shops could work together to buy. I wanted to bring it up and discuss it, looking into articles that counter the surface contact spread. BT: experts say -"Surface transmission" isn't an issue.

CP: With Holloween coming up, tips to reduce single use plastics on the Halloween. In 2019, the US alone disposed of 83 millions tons of plastic, 254 million tons of pumpkin waste, turn into Methane, so what to do with your pumpkins, Tips for a greener halloween. NB: will pull together a list. Green Halloween tips.

Andy Swanson - Bob Glowaky - “Channel 98” can tell us if we can show films.

Rachel Nadolny presented GHG inventory and recommendations report

BT: Hybrid is a good start, but EV will be needed to complete the deal. DS: We are working that way. Police have already purchased a hybrid. DPW will be the challenge, but other cars. CP: also need mechanisms to offset emissions. DS: Recommends we draft a resolution for the commitment to meet those targets and put it to the select board. CP; Supports this idea, and would like to pursue. These targets are inline. Need to push a 30 by 30 comms. DS: will write a draft.

Other Biz?

Move to adjourn at 7:55p

Next meeting TUs 5th of Nov 7p