

**TOWN OF EXETER  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 6, 2021**

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

**Chetana Parmar read emergency order**

**Members Present:** Chetana Parmar, Kristen Osterwood, Beverly Tappan, Jackie Ojala, Adam Dumville, Christopher Zigmont, Nina Braun, and Niko Papakonstantis (Select Board Representative) and Dave Sharples (Town Representative). Also present: Eileen Flockhart.

**Approval of meeting minutes from March 2, 2021:** Motion to approve by Chris, 2nd by Bev

**Eileen Flockhart Tree Update:** Have had two Arbor Day Celebrations and have been accepted for two years for Tree City USA. Some tree planting that will be happening on Park St and Gillman Park. Right now the team is working on creating a tree ordinance for the town - focusing on giving guidance on what can be done on town owned land. Have worked with lots of people and are making lots of progress and connections. Also looking to create a list of recommended species for this area, maybe as a TV piece. Options for planting trees during droughts - tree diaper. Discussion of Unutil tree trimming and connection to the Riverwoods Arboretum. Adam suggested designated roads as scenic roads, allows for additional protection from tree trimming.

**Earth Day:**

- Litter pick up day with DPW - can get bags, gloves, and borrow high-vis vests. Need more clarification about the event before posting on social media (Chris will wrangle info, Nina will post, Dave will print, and Chetana, Chris, and Dave will post around town)
- Getting word out about composting at
- Tips on what you can do as part of Earth week to go on social media

**Dave updates:**

- Continuing to work with NEMS (New England Municipality Sustainability network) - and learning more.
- Solar on landfill next steps: SB 109 needs to pass to allow for more than 1 MW of net metering. Also working with Unutil on the interconnection study.

**Communication Updates:**

- Push on Earth Day communications
- **Julie updates:**
  - Narrative of all accomplishments - everyone please email Chetana with accomplishments
  - Discussion on if to move forward with a Sustainable Exeter Campaign

8:50 meeting adjourned, motion by Christopher.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Osterwood