

**TOWN OF EXETER
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2021**

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

(Technical difficulties)

Members Present: Chetana Parmar, Nina Braun, Jackie Ojala, Beverly Tappan, Christopher Zigmont, Adam Dumville, and Niko Papakonstantis (Select Board Representative), Dave Sharples; Remotely: Kristen Osterwood

Approval of meeting minutes from October 5, 2021

Cleat recycling: update, Chetana reached out to Parks & Rec, and they are happy to implement. They have put together a poster and when finalized it will be posted on social media.

Jennifer Perry: update on recycling in Exeter. Seeing some reach good market rates for recycling - value of recycled goods has increased. Now paying \$26 per ton, a year ago Exeter was paying over \$120/ton. Plastics 1, 2 and 5 are recyclable, steel cans, glass. NO plastic bags- they can be recycled where you bought them from. Textile recycling program is at no charge to the town and residents - the town will get paid \$40/ton by the textile recycling program. Composting at the transfer station - all Exeter residents can participate without a subscription and without at transfer station permit. Currently composting around 1 ton/month. Potential collaboration on education campaign, including a magnet with a QR code to what Exeter recycles - including information about composting and textile recycling options.

Single Use Plastics: Dave update, a few comments and questions - will connect with Portsmouth, but is getting close. Discussion about applicability to water bottles.

Water fountain for downtown Exeter: Dave will look into costs and location possibilities. Refill App - allows a person to find a free place to refill water bottles - world wide.

Pumpkin Composting: This Saturday at Laney & Lu

Coastal Resilience grant update: Working to resolve the requirements of the grant. Chetana will reach out to Tim and Natalie to invite to next meeting discuss resolution.

Budget Recommendation Committee: Reviewing Pedestrian and bicycle master plan and Complete Streets. Chris will share plans for SAC to review - get comments back and draft a letter of endorsement. BRC supported position for Natural Resource Planner/Sustainability position. Dave also looking to update zoning to encourage

development where infrastructure exists, supporting smart, sustainable growth for the town.

Other business: supporting improved/more stringent building code for the town of Exeter.

Motion to adjourn at 8:29

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Osterwood